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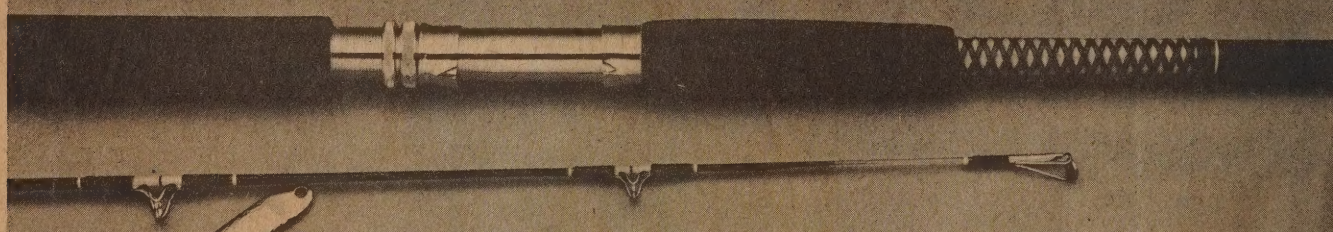

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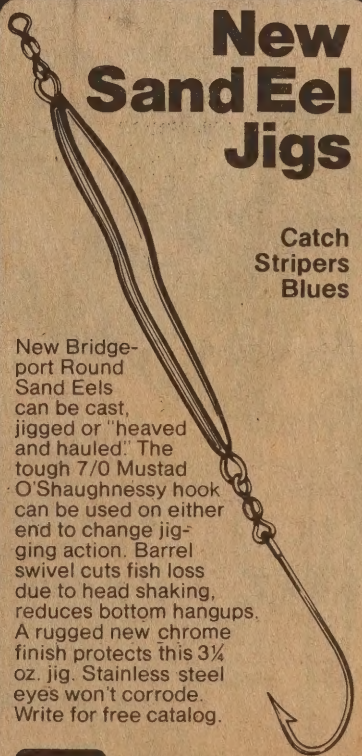

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Fishing Advisory Council: L.I.S.P.R.C. UPDATE

On Monday, June 15, 1981 the Fishing Advisory Council and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission held another in the series of regular meetings. Recent meetings have addressed rather routine matters following the intense winter sessions in which the joint group worked out a series of procedures for handling a variety of problems that have been increasing during the last few years and to make measures to protect surf fishing access at the state parks. However, experiences during the early days of the 1981 season have mandated a closer look at several large problems.

Two problems opened the discussion. First, a fence is part of the long range security plans from the piers at Jones Beach to the Meadowbrook Bridge and then east from the piers to the Wantagh Bridge. A fence becomes necessary because patrons of the park have adopted this area as a bathing and recreation area. The Commission designates certain areas for specific activities and the areas described at the top of this paragraph are restricted. The Commission does not have the facilities to staff to maintain or secure this area for general recreation. There is also a question of liability. Needless to say, this back-bay stretch of beach is highly productive at certain times of the year and the fishermen were upset that this area might be lost to night fishing. It was thus suggested that a gate be put into the fence at the base of the piers in order to provide access to surf fishermen with permits at night. It was suggested further that the barricade guards could open the gate at sunset and lock is again at sunrise. A serious loss of acess might thus be avoided if the Commission agrees to this suggestion. The fence and gate will be reviewed at our July meeting. The Commission also indicated that they are monitoring the back-side of Democrat for similar problems but that they have found no evidence at this time that the problem at Robert Moses is significant.

A second problem was introduced by the Montauk representative. He pointed out that the policy of issuing seven-day fishing and beach vehicle permits at the main office in Babylon was hardship for those traveling considerable distance for vacation at Montauk (the closeness of other parks obviates a similar problem at western parks). The suggestion was made to allow Mr. Larsen, the park superintendent at Montauk, to issue seven day permits at Montauk ONLY. The suggestion was approved. Thus, patrons wishing a seven-day pass for use at Montauk no longer need to detour to Babylon on the way to Montauk. This change will save gasoline, time, and avoid frustration.

The most serious problem discussed during the meeting involved Democrat Point. It has become quickly and abundantly clear that the plans proposed by the joint council during the winter to prevent abusive use of Democrat Point were not effective. The data supports this point. On June 7, 1981 at 1PM, the Park Commission counted 134 beach vehicles on Democrat Point. Of the 134 only FOUR were fishing. At 10:30 p.m. on June 13, 1981, 50 beach vehicles were counted, six were fishing, and there were 9 illegal beach fires. I won't bore you with additional similar statistics. Suffice it to say that the original intended use of Democrat, and the only legal use of Democrat Point, is surf fishing and the overwhelming use of that area by four wheel drive vehicles has not been fishing in this infant 1981 season. How has the area been used by patrons? Perhaps a list will clarify: drugs, alcohol overuse, fistfights, nudity, and swimming. In fact a child was a drowning victim at Democrat in early June. In addition, some fishermen expressed concern about the abuses at Democrat at expressed some inhibition to fish at the Point because of the activities of non-fisherpeople.

There was heated discussion that went on for several hours. Finally, a plan was approved for a trial run. The parameters of that plan are:

1. Democrat Point will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning 6AM on Monday, June 22, 1981 seven days a week between 6AM and 8PM. This closure will be in effect until September 14, 1981.

2. On September 14 (8AM) regulations for the use of Democrat Point by beach vehicles reverts to those described on the 1981 beach vehicle permits.

3. It will be possible for a current permit holder to apply for and receive a refund for the permit if they believe that regulations governing the use of the permit are no longer conducive to their meaningful use of that permit. Permit holders must apply for a refund at the main park office in Babylon

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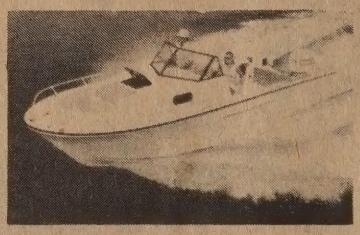

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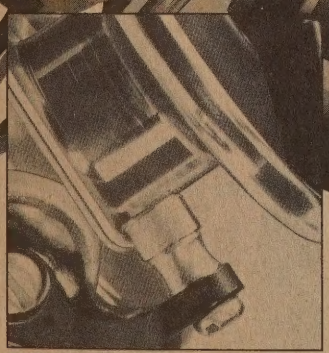

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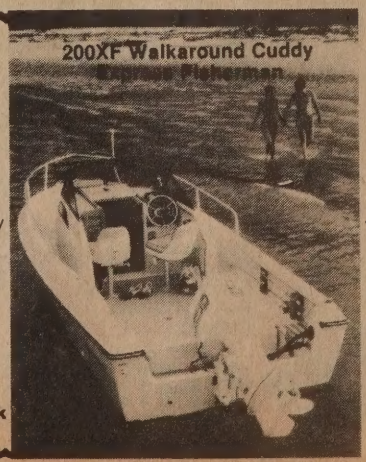

will be eligible for prizes. IGFA rules sh all apply. All boats fishing the tournament must have functioning CB or VHF (Ch. 68). All entries must be checked in at the Loop bridge by the committee boat by 6PM the day of the tournament. The three heaviest sharks, regardless of species, will be declared the winners. Weigh in is by 6:30 p.m. at Mako Marina.

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The tournament will be of the popular "rodeo" type with eleven eligible species. The four inshore species are striped bass, bluefish, weakfish and fluke. Because they are somewhat more difficult to catch, those that choose to fish offshore will have seven targeted species: swordfish, blue marlin, mako shark, dolphin, white marlin, giant bluefin tuna (over 300 lbs.), and school tuna (under 115 lbs.). The rules of the International Game Fish Association will apply to all catches, with one exception: wire line will be permitted

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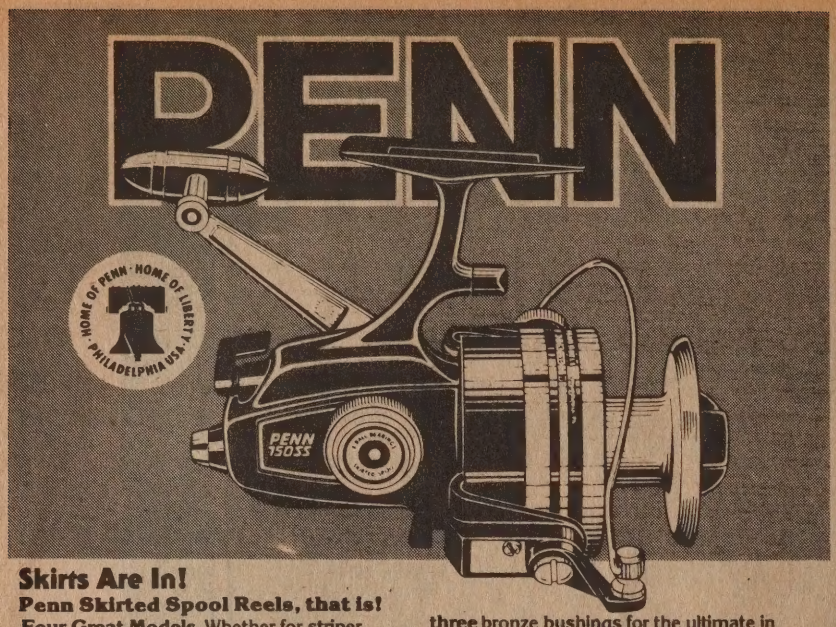

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A Captains Meeting will be held at the Montauk Yacht Club on Friday, August 21 at 8PM, at which time each boat MUST submit a list of anglers which will be fishing from it. Channel 6 will be the official channel of the tournament. Fishing hours for those fishing inshore will be "lines in the water" after 4AM and fish brought in for weigh-in by 3PM. For those fishing offshore, it will be lines in the water after 8AM and return to the dock by midnight on Saturday, and by 6PM on Sunday. No mutilated fish will be weighed in and no bait is being supplied as part of the entry fee. No harpoons and no overnights are allowed.

For further information on this innovative tournament, contact Bobbie Bromberg at (516) 621-5281.

AFTMA REPORT ON FUNDS FOR FISHING

Millions of dollars that should or could be invested in improving sport fishing are being spent by Federal and state agencies on projects of little or no benefit to the more than 60 million anglers in the United States who provide the money, according to the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA), Arlington Heights, Ill.

"America's anglers are paying some $175 million per year in license fees, permits, and excise taxes on fishing tackle, plus millions more in boat registration fees and taxes on fuel for their boats," AFTMA points out. "But as much as 20 to 30 percent of this money is being used to fund such projects as historic monuments, tennis and basketball courts, etc."

In a recently released statement, "Funds for Fishing and the Fishery," AFTMA notes that there has been a slowdown in the growth of sport fishing over the past decade. Reasons for the decline cited by AFTMA include decreased fishing success in some areas of the country, environmental pollution, lack of access to fishing waters, competition from more "convenient" recreational activities, concern about the availability of gasoline for recreation and general economic conditions.

"Overcoming these negative factors will require nothing less than an all-out, nationwide effort. There is no single, simple, cost-free answer,"

according to AFTMA.

The primary source of funds for projects to improve sport fishing is the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act, more commonly known as the Dingell/Johnson (D/J) Fund. Money for the D/J Fund is derived from a ten percent excise tax on certain items of fishing equipment which is apportioned to the states annually. The tax was established at the request of the fishing tackle industry. More than $300 million in D/J funds have been allocated to the states since the fund was established in 1952.

"There is no question that D/J funds have played a vital role in maintaining and improving our nation's sport fisheries," AFTMA Executive Vice President Tom Schedler acknowledges, "but we believe that close scrutiny of the D/J expenditures is required to ensure that they are going to support project where the need is the greatest."

Investigations by AFTMA also have uncovered other potential sources of funds for improving fishing opportunities, the statement reports. These include the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), administered by the Department of the Interior, the Recreational Boating Safety and Facilities Improvement Fund, directed by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Financial Assistance for Fisheries Development Program (Saltonstall/Kennedy Fund) of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Zone Management Improvement Act.

These and other state and Federal programs could yield as much as $40 to $50 million more per year for fisheries research, for stocking and for the acquisition and development of recreational waterfront facilities that would make fishing more accessible, more attractive and more enjoyable to millions of American families, the AFTMA statement points out.

In many cases, however, monies from these funds are expended for projects that have little or no relationship to their original objectives. In some instances, the money is not even being used because the appropriate agencies and organizations simply are not aware of the availability of the funds.

"As the nation's economy improves, new or increased taxes on the already heavily taxed fisherman/boatman may become a viable option," the AFTMA statement concludes. "In the meantime, we must focus our attention on potentially more productive areas—ensuring that every dollar already being paid by America's anglers is yielding maximum benefits in improving fishing."

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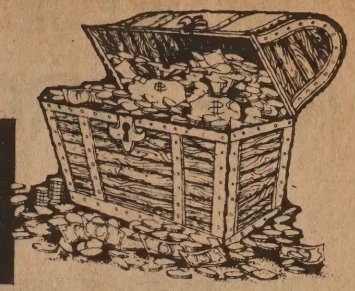

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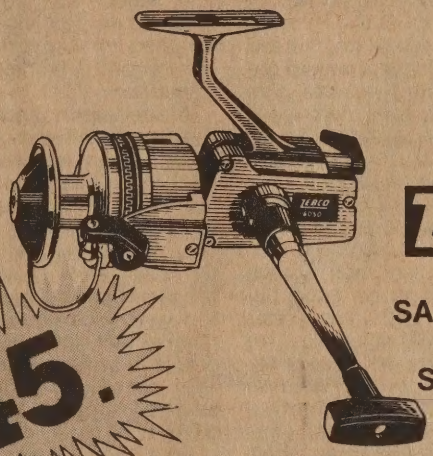

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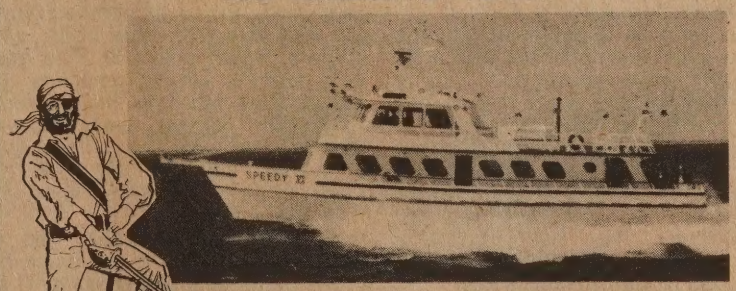

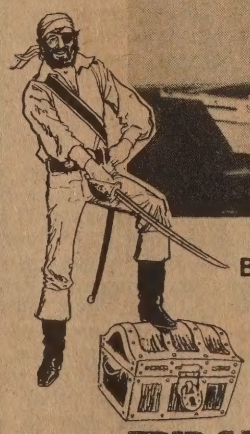

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NATIONAL SCENE

NWF URGES COOPERATION

by Al Ristori

While many conservation organizations are taking an adversary position against the Reagan Administration, the new chief executive officer of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has urged cooperation. After assuming command of the nation's largest citizens conservation group, Dr. Jay D. Hair told the Conservation Round Table, of Washington, D.C., "I am a firm believer that cooperation, instead of confrontation, is the best way to the resolution of difficult problems. We may well find that we have more areas of agreement than disagreement if we can develop a constructive dialogue with the Reagan Administration."

Specifically, Hair noted that conservation groups must work more closely together, "even if it hurts." He also said they must choose their issues carefully, concentrating on such big bills as the Clean Air and Clean Water Act renewals and "not trying to save every one-acre urban park." In order to hold their own with President Reagan, "an extremely effective communicator," Hair noted that conservationists must sharpen their communications skills. Finally, they must activate their members at the "grass roots" level to convince the Administration that environmental values are "crucial components of quality of life standards expected by the American people."

Hair went on to point out that the 1980 election was not a referendum on environmental protection. "The American people want regulatory reform. They want economy in government. They want inflation reduced. But they want none of these things at the expense of the environment."

Final Catch Totals for 1980 Bluefin Tuna Season

Even a casual glance at the final 1980 catch statistics would seem to indicate that the U.S. tuna conservation program is being run primarily for the benefit of a few American purse seiners—plus the Japanese longliners. From a total of 1,505 metric tons of bluefin tuna taken in our fisheries last year, just over half (758 tons) went to the few seiners involved. And, since 620 tons of that total were school tuna, the actual numbers of tuna taken were far more heavily weighted toward the purse seiners. Of course, all that is still small potatoes when compared to the approximately 5,000 metric tons of bluefin tuna being taken from our waters by the Japanese longliners every year!

Last year's handline fishery accounted for 358 tons of tuna, while the harpooners took 102 metric tons. The rod and reel catch was almost equally divided between schoolies and giants. The school fish accounted for 137 tons, while 139 tons of giants were weighed in. Longlines accounted for 10 tons and 1 ton was unclassified as to method.

A pre-season tagging program was conducted with the cooperation of the purse seiners last year and the results of that project enabled scientists to estimate population levels. Most tagging was done on small age 2 (1978 year class) tuna, with 1878 released. Of these, 24 were recaptured during the pre-season tagging and 36 during the open season. It was only with these small tuna (which the seiners aren't interested in) that the rod and reel catch exceeded that of the seiners. Anglers took 6966 age 2 tuna while the seiners caught 6666.

Of 422 age 3 tuna tagged, 3 were recovered during the tagging operation and 53 throughout the rest of the year. Seiners caught 9672 of these larger schoolies, while the angling catch was only 637. While 642 age 4 tuna were tagged, just 5 were recovered. Purse seiners accounted for 3302 fish from this class, while anglers caught only 289. The age 5 tuna are the largest schoolies (just before they fall into the protected "medium" class). Only 94 were tagged last year and none were recovered. Seiners took 1936 tuna from that class, while sportsmen managed just 141.

There's a considerable gap between the population estimates provided by the tagging experiments and those developed by VPA (virtual population analysis). In the case of age 2 tuna, the tagging study indicates a population level almost seven times the figure provided by VPA. Though fewer school tuna (as well as giants) were caught last year, the tuna scientists feel that the abundance of age 2-4 fish in the western Atlantic doesn't seem to have been greatly depressed in 1980 from the year before.

While the scientists prefer to paint a glowing picture, the fact remains that the purse seiners caught only about half the number of age 2-4 tuna in almost two months last year as they caught in ten days the year before! In addition, the school tuna trolling for recreational fishermen were basically pretty poor. For years, progressive NMFS scientists such as Bruce Freeman (now New Jersey marine director) tried to get the purse seine fishery for schoolies stopped in order to build up the bluefin tuna population.

Mako Owners Tournaments Will Provide Lots of Fun

Area Mako owners should consider getting into one of the nearby Mako tournaments if they're up to a weekend of inexpensive fun and fishing. The per boat entry fee is only $25, and everyone receives tee shirts and takes part in cook-outs and cocktails parties. In addition, there are always lots of plaques for winners of various divisions.

The local season kicks off with the 2nd Annual New Jersey Mako Owners Tournament June 26-28 at Huppert Marine, 831 Route 70, Bricktown, NJ. This affair concentrates on tagging sharks, but there are also other categories. For details call Bruce Huppert at 201-477-0407. Next up is the 3rd Annual New Jersey Bluefish Tournament on July 10-12 at Minmar Marine, 42nd St. & The Bridge, P.O. Box 183, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243. This was the second largest tournament of all last year, and a white marlin was the winning fish. Contact Steve Lamana at 609-263-2201.

The first Long Island affair runs from July 17-19 at Al Grover's Marine Base, 195 Woodcleft Ave., Freeport, NY 11520. Last year there were over 50 boats fishing and they boated everything from blues and sharks to yellowfin tuna. Al, who rigged out my first Mako, was that company's 1980 Top Dealer of the Year. Contact Al Grover, Jr. at 516-378-0538. Just a few weeks later Oak Gentry and Frank Mills put on the 4th Annual Long Island Mako Owners Tournament from August 8-9 at White Water Marine, 5600 Sunrise Hwy., Sayville, NY. This affair is highlighted by a clambake barbecue. Give Oak or Frank a call at 516-589-2502.

Winding up the local schedule is the 3rd Annual Striped Bass Tournament, which is run from September 18-20 by The Bait Shop, 99 Rowayton Ave., Rowayton, Ct. Over 40 boats participated last year, including many of the smaller Makos. Contact Bert Van Sciver at 203-853-3811.

WHAT ABOUT SHARKS?

BY FRED GUARDINEER

SHARKS COME NORTH EVERY SUMMER TO LOLL IN THE GENTLE SWELLS CATCHING SOME SUN AND FEEDING ON BUNKERS, BLUEFISH AND A SWORDFISH OR TWO - MANY LIKE THE BREAKERS JUST OFF THE BEACH SCARING THE LOCAL HOMI NIDS OUT OF THE WATER.

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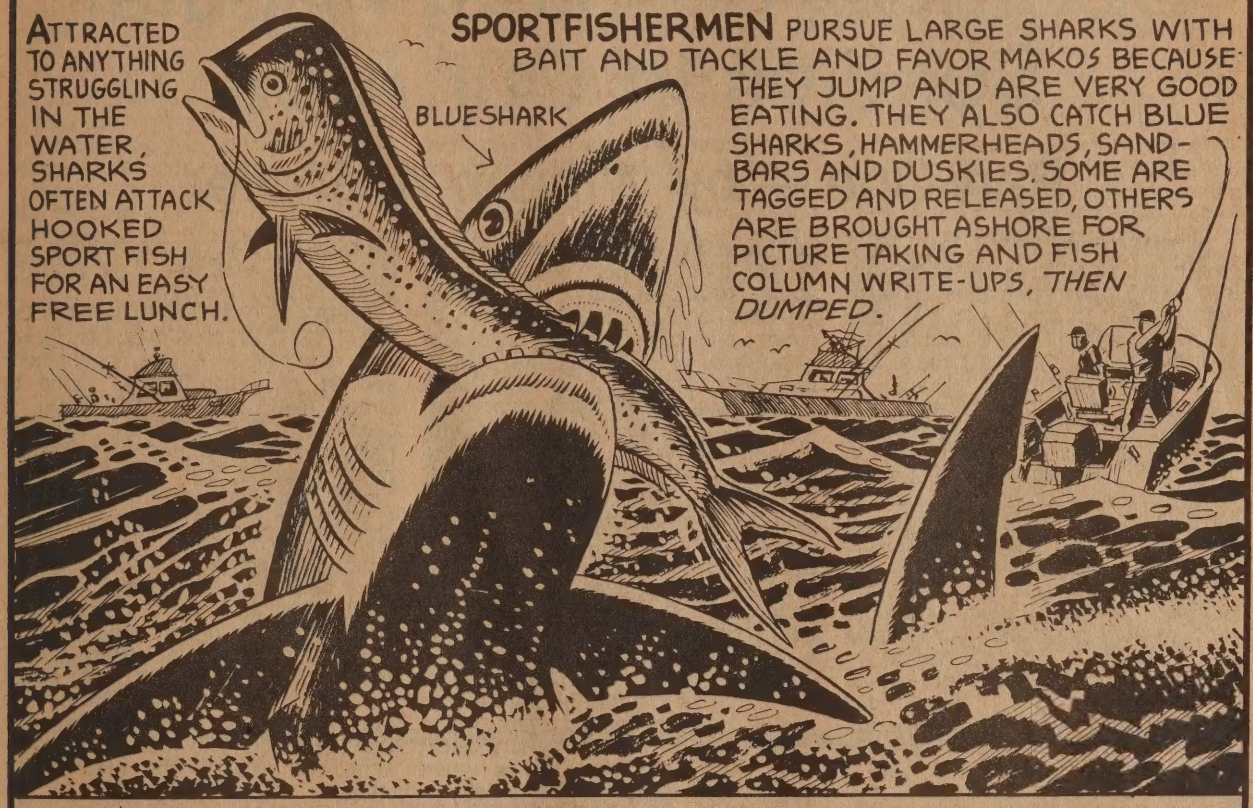

JUMPING MAKO

THE COMMERCIAL SHARK FISHERY OFF THE EAST COAST IS GROWING AND 22.5 MILLION POUNDS WERE LANDED IN 1979, DOUBLE THAT OF 1978. OF THESE 19.3 MILLION POUNDS WERE DOGFISH. SHARKS ARE SLOW REPRODUCERS, *SO* THIS GROWING FISHERY WILL BE WATCHED... *AND PROBABLY MANAGED.*

SUPERSPORTS WHOSE MAIN GOAL IN LIFE IS KILLING LARGE SHARKS, ESPECIALLY WHITES, IS A USELESS FORM OF FISHING THAT DOES MARINE LIFE NO GOOD. SHARK KILLERS LIKE THESE ARE DECREASING.

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REPLACING SHARK KILLERS IS THE NEW GROUP OF SHARK TAGGERS.

HELPFUL TO MARINE LIFE ARE THE VOLUNTEER FISHERMEN WORKING WITH *JACK CASEY* OF THE NAT'L. MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE AND HIS TAGGING PROGRAM. BETWEEN 3000-5000 SHARKS A YEAR *(25-40 SPECIES)* ARE BEING TAGGED. IN 1979 A RECORD 5310 SHARKS WERE TAGGED, 33 SPECIES ... 97% BY THE VOLUNTEERS. BLUES LED THE LIST WITH 2981, SANDBARS 664, HAMMERHEADS 237, MAKOS 149 AND 90 BLACKTIPS.

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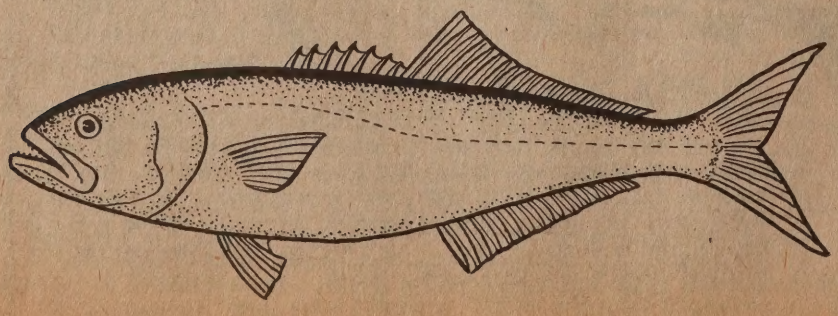
BLUEFISH — Most Popular Species In Our Area

Part One — *by William A. Muller*

INTERESTING INFO! In recent months we've come across some very interesting information about bluefish that we plan to share with you over the next months. There's a lot of data and information that we believe will be both interesting and valuable to fishermen. Interesting because the info involves a favorite species and valuable because we may be able to apply it to our fishing to get better results. However, don't want want to run a continuous series of columns on a single topic, so what we'll do is to run a back to back discussion now and then scatter the rest of it over the summer. As the discussion proceeds, we'd be very interested in receiving your reaction to the information as well as your ideas about bluefish. As is our practice, we'll share your thoughts with our mutual friends through the column and, who knows, maybe your letter will win you a Shakespeare Sigma Reel.

BLUEFISH NUMBER ONE?! We have repeated the results of a past reader survey several times that indicated bluefish to be the most popular fish among our readers. We were surprised at the time since we figured flounder for their abundance and good eating or we figured striped bass because of their mystery and size. We were wrong and bluefish took top honors. The National Marine Fisheries Service did their own survey and their information confirms our own. When you stop to think about it, the popularity of bluefish makes a lot of sense. Blues are abundant; at least they have been since the late 1940s and in the last ten years or so in our area they have been large. Large may be the wrong word because some of the fish that have been weighed in by anglers have been truly HUGE. When you read about a bluefish of twenty or twenty plus today, almost no one is impressed, yet a fish of that size in the 1950s and much of the 1960s would have raised many eyebrows. There is a lesson in this for you younger fishermen out there who know only the last few years. Those of us who have one or two years on you whippersnappers know that catching one, two, and up to five pound blues was considered a treat. Certainly few of us saw blues of twenty pounds. The lesson is that things could change back to the way they were. Fishing is a very dynamic and fast changing sport. Fish have their ups and downs and it may be that it is the decline that makes the abundance so sweet. So we come down to the nitty-gritty questions. Why are there times when there seem only to be small or medium sized bluefish? Why have we had these monsters in recent years and how long can we expect to continue to catch them? Will they get bigger and bigger for an indefinite time? All these and many more are questions that no one can answer with absolute authority. Scientists have gathered a lot of data and the data has been helpful to better understand the species and has brought us close to substantial answers for some questions and hinted at the solutions to others. In any event, let's take this journey together through the maze of information and ideas about bluefish. In so doing, each of you can perhaps come to important private decisions and if whatever training and little expertise I have can be helpful, I'll offer it for whatever it is or isn't worth. Are you ready?



WHAT IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF BLUEFISH? Bluefish is one example, and a rather rare one for inshore species, of a fish that is found in almost every ocean of the world. It seems to be most abundant along the East Coast of the United States and its range there is from Nova Scotia to Texas. The main concentration of fish is along the Eastern Seaboard proper about as far north as Massachusetts although in some years large schools have been known to keep traveling north. It is also found in the South Atlantic to Uruguay and in the Caribbean, too. On the eastern side of the Atlantic it is found from about Portugal to Senegal off Africa. It is also found in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The bluefish are also known to occur in the eastern and western Indian Ocean and in the waters of Australia.

ARE THESE ALL ONE SPECIES? There is considerable evidence to suggest that there are at least separate populations of bluefish, a good likelihood that there are subspecies, and perhaps separate species. The precise situation requires additional research and analysis. Evidence for separate populations is strong. For example, Barger et al., has discovered a separate spawning area for the blues in the Gulf of Mexico. This area is distinct from the blues that spawn along the East Coast. Tagging studies by a variety of researchers indicates that there are substantial differences between the Gulf blues and the western Atlantic blues. There would appear to be, at casual glance, significant differences between other populations in other oceans. Blues off the South African coast, for example, have long been known to grow to extremely large sizes. The physical (geographic) separation of the groups may play a considerable role in analyzing the relationships between the various potential populations and/or subspecies. It would seem unlikely that if there indeed is little or no mixing of blues in various parts of the world that they would not have become genetically different. Depending upon the degree of genetic variation, we

can then categorize bluefish according to distinct groups. If we can prove this contention, then we will understand the evolution of bluefish and begin to look at blues along the Eastern Seaboard of the United States which some have suggested are also a group of somewhat different "populations." If there are different groups of blues along the coast here, then the difference will most likely be a great deal more subtle, making definitive conclusions a lot more difficult. Research done in Senegal and Australia may help to develop the techniques to get a solid grasp on the blues right here at home. What good will that do? Perhaps that knowledge will explain the sudden ups and downs in numbers and maybe let us do something to prevent such fluctuations. Maybe this knowledge will enable us to understand why the fish are so large during some decades. Perhaps then we can predict both the size and abundance of blues that we'll likely catch in a given season. Of course, the greatest value will be in management of the species so that, through management, we can maximize the chances that there will be a high and continuous supply of bluefish from one year to the next and from one decade to the next.

MIGRATION. Although we do not have all the answers about bluefish migrations it seems that recent research has given us a good handle on most of what we need to know about migration of western Atlantic bluefish. The western Atlantic bluefish generally migrate north-south according to the rises and falls of water temperature and the length of the day. There are other reasons that mitigate migration but they appear to be less important than temperature and length of day. Bluefish are actually an open ocean fish (pelagic) that seem very willing to move into estuaries to feed. We think of the bluefish as an inshore fish because that is the place where we predominately fish for it. However, the fish move along the coast at some distance to the beach in groups of similar sized specimens that we call a school. Usually, these schools are rather well organized for purposes of feeding and possibly protection. However, as the fish move along they are also in a great and rather loose association of schools that may cover many square miles of ocean. We aren't sure whether the loose association is casual (a result of similar migration responses) or purposeful and motivated by specific factors. As the blues migrate they may charge inshore and either take up a seasonal residence in that general area or stay for a short time and resume the ocean migration. In any event, the blues that we catch inshore have come in from deeper water rather than up tight along the coast. This was established many years ago. It helps us to understand the relationship between bass and bluefish a little better. Many people tend to think of the two as being very similar, yet we know from the principles of ecological science that two species cannot have the same ecological niche. Thus, the small difference in migration patterns helps to explain how, in part, the two are ecologically different. Bass generally migrate very close to the beach and rarely go out beyond three miles. Blues on the other hand will do most of their migrating in deeper water well off the beach. Thus, although the two may feed together at certain staging areas during the season and during the fall fattening, they quickly go their separate ways thus minimizing competition. Lund and Maltezos, about a decade ago, suggested that most of the bluefish along our coast winter over offshore. The location of the winter-over fish has not been discovered to date. Other evidence suggests that the schools of the largest fish tend to travel farther than smaller fish. Thus, the biggest blues tend to gather in the northern part of their range. The biggest fish also tolerate cold better than younger fish and thus remain in northern sections longer during the fall migration. Bluefish are rather unique, incidentally, because they have the ability to maintain their body temperature at four degrees centigrade above the temperature of the water that they are swimming in. Perhaps the added insulation provided by the thicker body of larger fish helps them to tolerate the colder water.

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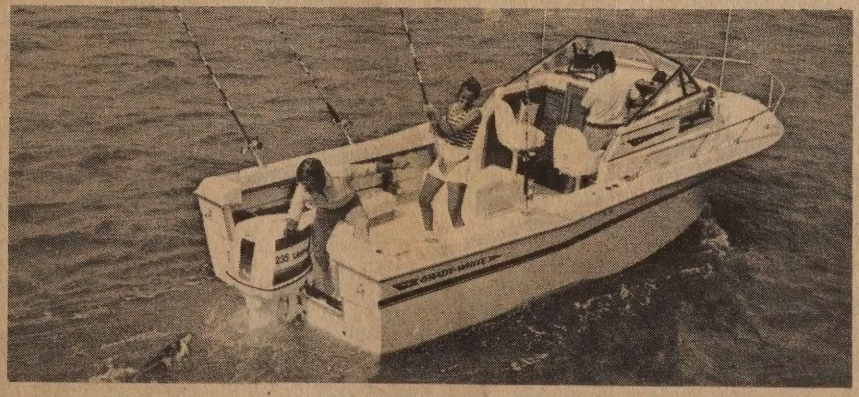

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COMPASS POINTS

by Bob Whittier

When fog blots out a shore line only one mile away, a boatman can become as thoroughly disoriented as he can were he to find himself a hundred miles at sea with no compass and a thick overcast hiding the sun. Not having a compass aboard a boat used on coastal waters is a red-carpet invitation to wasted time and gasoline, and frazzled nerves.

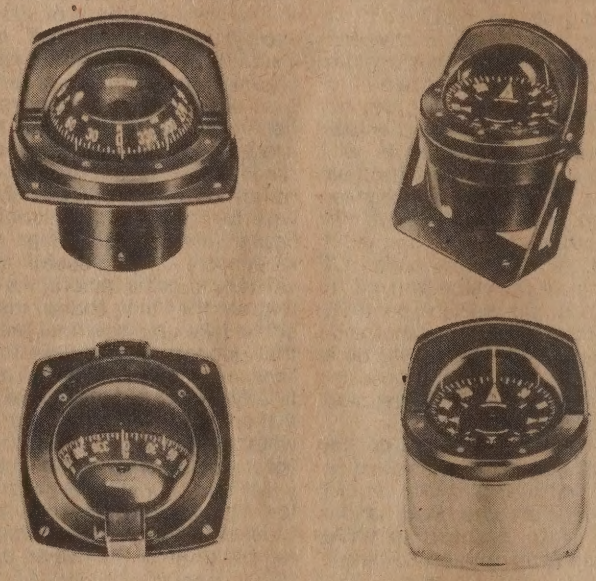
There are, admittedly, so many types of marine compasses on the market that a fisherman shopping for one can become as confused as a dog in a fire plug warehouse. Here are some helpful comments on the subject.

If you're a powerboat owner, you can at once eliminate from consideration the many sailboat compasses to be seen in a typical marine store. These are made to cope with the pronounced heeling that occurs when wind presses on sails. They are equipped with gimbals that allow for both heeling and fore-and-aft pitching. If installed in a powerboat that goes pitching and pounding over the waves, the gimbals will allow the compass body to sway and rattle so much that it can be unreadable, and will have short life expectancy.

A powerboat compass takes care of the less acute reeling in such a craft by mounting the compass card atop a slim metal post or rod. Such a compass will have its card reach its limits and rub against some part of its housing if heeled too far. But the range of heeling movement is adequate for powerboat use. Eliminating the gimbals makes for a steadier, more easily-read card and, of course, greater longevity. Key to good powerboat compass performance is a high-quality bearing where the card rests on its support post.

Large compasses have advantages for those skippers who are good at formal navigation. Their larger cards have more space around their edges for more numerous degree markings. The large cards are also steadier. But a big compass can take up too much space in a boat of moderate size, or may simply cost more than owners of such craft would willingly pay.

The smaller compasses are generally marked off in five-degree divisions. It is practically impossible to keep a smaller, swifter powerboat on a course of, say, exactly 123°, because it will yaw somewhat as it progresses from wave to wave. Since formal navigation is also quite impractical aboard a craft not fitted with a chart table, it adds up to five-degree divisions being as accurate as the conditions make feasible.



Small boat compasses come in many types, to fit various needs and installation problems. Photo courtesy Ritchie Instruments.

Today's marine compasses, even the smaller ones, are the product of modern engineering, chemistry and production technology. Even the low-cost models popular among sport fishermen are quality products. Ham-fisted tinkering with them can lead to sorry results.

The notion is widespread that compasses are filled with either kerosene or alcohol. Attempts to get rid of bubbles by using some such fluid can raise hob. They can soften some plastics used in modern compasses, or lift degree printing off of cards, or cloud up. Most modern compass makers use a fluid made up to their own specifications. Some, for example, use mineral spirits—but it is specially refined for compass use.

In addition to causing mechanical damage, use of an improper fluid can affect compass accuracy. Too thick or thin a fluid can give unsuitable card dampening, and hence affect action and accuracy. If specific gravity of a fluid is wrong, card pressure on the pivot jewel can be too little or too great, with fluttery action or rapid wear the the result.

The best thing to do about a bubble or other small problem is to return your compass to the manufacturer or an authorized service agent. Often, special techniques must be used to add fluid without damaging the instrument, or to get rid of all air bubbles.

The "glass" globes on most modern compasses are actually cast plastic. It won't crack easily when struck or dropped. But wiping dried salt specks off with a cloth will scratch it, and using a cleaning fluid intended for glass may cloud the plastic in time. Long exposure to direct sunlight should be avoided—use a compass cover, or stow in when not in use.

Slapdash installation work can turn a good compass into a lemon. Steering wheels often have steel cores which can affect a nearby compass. Electric tachometers have powerful electromagnets in them that can cause compasses to misread badly. When selecting a compass location aboard your boat, hold the compass in various likely places and see if it reads differently in some of them than it does in others. Check each possible location with the boat's electrical equipment turned both off and on. Boat vibration can make a compass card spin wildly: seek a solid part of the boat on which to install it, or beef up an otherwise good location that seems to be fluttery.

SINKER BOUNCING

THE PILGRIM

by Matt Ahern

He was a young man, this Johnny Nelson, no more than twenty-five, and as he stepped on board the silent party boat, he glanced about through the pre-dawn gloom of darkness. Exactly as planned, he was first aboard. Except for the lap of wavelets against the vessel's hull and the whispered flight of a night bird, there was no sound. He experienced a moment of bewilderment, as if he'd stepped into an alien world.

As he'd been advised by those few fishermen he knew, Johnny made his way to the stern and tied his borrowed rod to the rail. He then placed his gear alongside it. So far, so good. Now all he needed to do was wait.

As he explored the length and breadth of the vessel, he felt a slight chill. He regretted not taking his wife's advice and wished he'd worn a heavier jacket. But a cup of steaming hot thermos coffee would take care of that—and when the July sun cleared the horizon in all its midsummer glory, he was sure everything would be right with his world.

The sweeping headlights of an approaching car caught his attention and as the vehicle turned into the parking area, its lights dimmed and went out. He heard the muffled closing of a car door. Confident footsteps grated on the graveled walk, and through the gloom Johnny sensed rather than saw the appearance of a fellow fisherman.

"Good morning, young feller," greeted the newcomer as he stepped aboard. "You're sure an early bird. Been here long?"

Johnny felt a sense of relief: he was thankful for the stranger's company. "Good morning," he replied. "About a half hour, I guess."

"Yes, sir—you sure are an early bird, young feller. Where you fishing?"

"The stern. That's the best spot... ...or so they tell me." He made the amendment quickly, for he did not wish to appear as an authority about something of which he knew absolutely nothing.

"Good spot," replied the stranger. "That's where I'm fishing, too."

It was then when Johnny felt a twinge of embarrassment. "Look," he said," "maybe I better move my gear. I don't want to interfere with your fun. This is my first trip and I don't know a blamed thing about fishing. I'm not even sure what we're going for; although," he added, "when I borrowed this tackle, my friend said most likely it would be for fluke."

"Your friend was right. So, you're a pilgrim, eh? Well, don't worry about a thing, kid. Stay where you are; you'll be okay. I'll be fishing close by; so if you have any questions... My name's Smitty. What's yours?" Johnny told him. "Say—you know, Johnny, it's damn chilly; always is this time of morning. Let's have some coffee."

The stranger's congeniality was much appreciated and as their conversation continued, Johnny felt he'd known this particular fisherman all his life.

As daylight brightened the eastern sky, more fishermen stepped aboard the party boat. Johnny became aware of much camaraderie and good nature as long-standing friends greeted each other. From the bow came a burst of spontaneous, raucous laughter. And with it, Johnny felt an exquisite thrill of contentment course through his being. How long, he asked himself, just how long has this been going on? He felt cheated. Damn! He would have been part of this life ten years ago if only he had known. Well, he consoled himself, better late than never.

Just then the skipper stepped aboard. Johnny was astonished. "Say, Smitty, is that the captain? He's not much older than me."

"He's the skipper, all right. Damned good fisherman, too. Don't let his age fool you. Age has nothing to do with it; experience is what counts in the fishing game. His father was a party boat skipper, and his grandfather before him. If there's any fish to be found, that's the boy who'll do it."

Sailing time was listed for 6:30, and exactly to the minute the party boat backed out into the stream. On board were thirty passengers. Johnny busied himself with the rigging instructions of his new-found friend. There would be opportunity later to look around.

Smitty handed Johnny a six-ounce sinker and said: "The mate's coming to collect the fare. His name's Carl. Nice Kid. Now, you don't have to go in the pool unless you want to. But it's only fair to tell you, pilgrims seldom win pools the first time out. But it's up to you. Someone's bound to win and who knows..."

But Johnny was game. Might as well go the whole hog, he told himself. Carl took his fare, gave him a pool ticket and said: "You need any help today, mister, just sing out. Or ask Smitty here." He grinned. "He knows almost as much as I do."

Twenty minutes later the party boat cleared the inlet and entered the open sea. "We should have a good fishing day," Smitty said. "There's just enough wind for a good drift. I like a day when the drift is moderate. You'll see what I mean later when the tide changes. There'll be tough fishing. My advice is to get in as much fishing as you can before that happens. Now, here's what you do..."

It was then that Johnny realized he was indeed fortunate in meeting a fisherman such as Smitty. It seemed there wasn't a thing this fellow didn't know about fluke. No matter what questions Johnny asked, Smitty's replies were always to the point. He concluded by saying: "You follow my lead, Johnny. Do exactly as I do and we'll see what happens."

A half-mile offshore of an ocean beach, the party boat slowed. Its engines idled for several moments, then were shut down. Smitty picked up his rod. "Okay, Johnny. This is it. Let's fish. Put your reel in free spool the way I showed you. Keep a little pressure on the spool with your thumb, otherwise you'll get a backlash. When you feel the sinker hit bottom, put the reel in gear. Like this. And remember—keep that strip of squid skipping along the bottom. You've got to keep that bait hopping. Try it."

Johnny felt the sinker thump bottom. He put the reel into gear and began to jig. The boat's drift was away from shore into deeper water and because of this, Johnny's sinker lost touch with the bottom.
He was learning. Slowly but surely, maybe, but he was learning.

Then he felt it! A sudden weight. Give the fish time, Smitty had said. Don't be in a hurry. Johnny counted slowly to three and struck back. The rod bowed with weight and Johnny had his first fluke. He carefully reeled the struggling fish to the surface and lifted it over the rail. A good two pounds.

"Good for you, kid" Smitty said. "Watch those teeth when you take out the hook. That's it. Now put on fresh bait and go down and get another."

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Analysis of Shinnecock Inlet

by Gerald Hahn

Surfcasters looking for fish on the south shore wind up sooner or later at one of its inlets. For inlets provide access from the ocean to the bays, where microorganisms, baitfish, and the young of many species find safety, food, and shelter. Not for long, though, as predators and bottom fish pursue them through these passageways, or wait for them to be flushed out during the ebb tide. Thus, the south shore inlets are the most likely places for shore-bound anglers to find fish.

Most of the inlets on the south shore are defined by jetties formed out of boulders. In addition to preventing erosion, the boulders, with their jagged surfaces submerged, attract clinging sea plants, among which aquatic insects, minute crustaceans, and baitfish hide. Consequently, inlets are more than watery highways; they are repositories of marine life.

Of all the inlets on the south shore, Shinnecock, which forms the entrance to Shinnecock Bay, as well as to Peconic Bay (by means of the Shinnecock Canal), is one of the most accessible to anglers. The west jetty is only a few feet from a free parking area, day and night, and no permits are required. The east jetty is easily reached by a much shorter walk than to Moriches Inlet, Democrat Point, or Jones Inlet.

Like all the other inlets, however, Shinnecock must be fished regularly if the surfcaster wants to score. It seems that whenever I fish here, either I catch nothing or more fish than I can handle. Keeping a log of this place helps, although patterns may be entirely different from one season to the next. For instance, I remember an early August day here several years ago when I caught more fluke in two hours from the jetty than I had on several trips in a skiff, drifting through various south shore bays. The next season Shinnecock yielded about as many fluke throughout the summer as it had on that memorable day. Similarly, in the autumn of 1975, there was a superb run of tautog at the inlet, fish weighing one to six pounds. Mixed in with the blackfish were sea bass and trigger fish, a species normally found in the warmer mid-Atlantic region. From September through October, I couldn't miss. But the next autumn Shinnecock's water sustained as much life as the moon, or so it seemed. Perhaps the fall bluefish run is the most consistent here, but even then, one week the inlet is devoid of life; the next week anglers have their rods full. Learn the patterns anew each season and eventually your investment will be returned with interest, provided you also know how to work this inlet.

A Shinnecock jetty jockey with a small blue.

Fishing at Shinnecock may be performed with an eight foot jetty stick, or better yet, a nine foot surf rod for greater leverage and strength when hoisting a fish out of the rocks. A strong surf spinning reel with a smooth drag is a necessity. The reel should be filled with a quality grade of

20 lb. test monofilament for most fishing purposes. When fishing for school sized predators, consider 15 lb. test a minimum because fishing line frays easily here. And because Shinnecock's treacherous bottom structure also likes bottom rigs and lures, a well-stocked tackle box is in order. Two other items are worth noting: fisherman's cleats and something to hold your catch. As for the first item, the Shinnecock jetties, especially near the ocean entrances, are continuously subjected to ocean spray. When southerly winds prevail, the surfcaster feels more like a swimmer than an angler. Moreover, the rocks, though jagged along their sides, have been worn smooth on top, by forty years of pounding surf, and consequently, walking on them is like driving on an oil-slicked highway. Enthusiastic anglers, especially young ones with sneakers, are forever going into skids here. Cleats or felt-tipped soles will provide traction. As for the second item, a stranger to Shinnecock frequently loses his fish **after** he catches it. While he looks for a safe place to deposit his catch, the fish thrashes and inevitably falls into an unreachable crevice or down the rocks to the sea. Though the large bucket predominates here, finding a level resting place for it is the major problem, and for that reason I prefer a wet burlap sack, the kind used on party boats. The sack may be placed atop the rocks or in one of the many recesses between them, where it'll remain cool and damp on a hot summer day and stable in an autumn wind.

The west jetty at Shinnecock is the more popular one, undoubtedly because it is closer to the parking area. Some people work the back (bay) side of this jetty, others the middle, but I prefer the ocean and, in fact, the last 50 to 100 ft. from the overturned concrete block at the tip. The best fishing, however, is not always on the inlet side but on the ocean side to the right. Many times, school blues and weaks, and even fluke, tend to follow a path extending from southwest of the concrete block to a marker pole near the shore line, where a deep pocket is formed. Blackfish, however, may be taken from either side of the jetty, the inlet side having the edge. For those surfcasters with tournament grade aim, the largest bulldogs are just to the left or right of the concrete block, where snags are greatest.

The surfcaster looking for a cow bass, an alligator blue, or a tiderunner weak will do better working the east jetty, which extends farther into the ocean. Moreover, since the ocean currents tend to pile up sand near the east jetties, this side is closer to an offshore sandbar, its accompanying dropoff, and white water attractive to bass and blues. However, care must be taken when fishing off the last few boulders; they become submerged during the incoming tide.

Possibly more large bass and blues are taken from the ocean beach, within a hundred yards of the east jetty, than from the jetty itself. Even when school game fish move close to the jetties, anglers on the beaches catch almost as many fish as those on the rocks. No snags or tricky hoisting maneuvers to contend with either. For this kind of fishing, however, a longer rod and larger reel are required to fling a plug or bait past the breakers.

School game fish may also be taken from the bay sides of the jetties, especially where the inlet, expanding into the bay, forms rips and eddies. The back side of the east jetty offers greater potential than the west side, which is obstructed by commercial marinas. Fishing the back is light tackle stuff, compared to the other places mentioned. Here, an 8 ft. rod, 10 lb. test, and lures come into their own. On the tail end of the outgoing tide, which is preferred here, start fishing about a hundred yards east of the (east) jetty line. Then move toward the jetty, giving each pocket a thorough workout.

The best angling at Shinnecock takes place in subdued light or at night. Most surfcasters agree that inlets are best at the last of the ebb tide, and I concur when it comes to fishing at night. For at this time baitfish are pulled out of the inlet, and predators, lining up near the sandbar at the entrance or in the holes on the back side, enjoy a late snack. Nevertheless, I find that Shinnecock's ocean side sometimes harbors more school sized predators at the beginning of the outgoing tide; that is, just after high slack. I observed this several times last fall when blues in the 2-4 lb. class were feeding heavily off the west jetty. They had already forced the bait inshore, and for the next three hours, jetty jockeys enjoyed frantic fishing. The bluefish moved in a clear pattern. At first, most of the blues were taken inshore, near the marker pole. But as the water continued to ebb, the majority were caught from the jetty tip. Thereafter, the blues moved offshore, beyond casting range.

Fishing for school gamesters at Shinnecock is a pleasure indeed, since no bait is required. Surfcasters rely primarily on one and two ounce metal squids and diamond jigs with plastic tails, although light swimming plugs also work well when it is not too windy. When a run seems to abate on top, a white leadhead bucktail bounced on the bottom will continue taking fish. Working metal lures near the surface from the jetties requires a rapid retrieve, a rod tip pointing down, and a furious whipping action to produce an erratic darting motion. On the other hand, bucktails should settle to the bottom, before retrieving moderately with an up-and-down movement of the rod, which yields a tantalizing hopping action. Wire leaders are preferred by many anglers here, but I still find that a heavy shocker is better.

During the fall run, bonito some-

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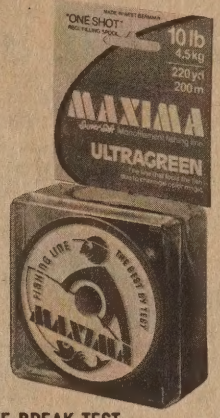

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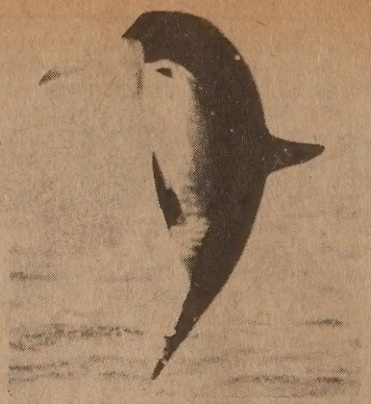

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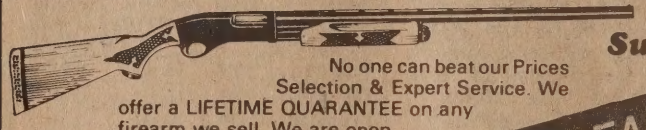

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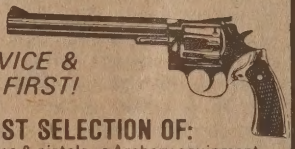

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times show up at the mouth of Shinnecock Inlet, and occasionally a well placed metal lure will hook one. However, most of these fish are tempted by drifting baitfish on a weightless rig; but it is impossible to reach them in a headwind. Perhaps some variation of the detachable cannonball sinker, employed by West Coast salmon fishermen, can be rigged. For example, a rubber band on the main line, about two feet ahead of a small tuna hook, could secure a bank sinker long enough to make a distant cast. Hopefully, the sinker would fall off as soon as it makes contact with the water. At any rate, it's certainly worth a try at this inlet in late September and early October. How often does a shore-bound fisherman catch bonito?

Fishing for large gamesters at night may be done with large plugs off the ocean beaches near the jetties or from the tips of the jetties. At night, however, natural bait sometimes works better. Live or dead eels, fish fry, bunker or mackerel chunks, or a whole sandworm, properly rigged, are all capable of attracting outsized game fish. Likewise, bottom fishing for fluke or tautog is popular at this inlet, especially off the west jetty. Try squid for fluke here instead of thawed out baitfish that will disintegrate on the first cast. As for blackfish, a single hook rigged with crab is preferable to a tandem rig, since most blackfish are caught close to the rocks. Although it is beyond the scope of this article to cover rigs in detail, remember to bring along many rigs, heavy bank sinkers weighing 4 or 5 oz. and leave the ornaments home.

Although patterns change significantly, here is a rundown of Shinnecock's possibilities:

APRIL—mackerel occasionally move within casting reach.

MAY, JUNE—blackfish, weakfish, bass.

LATE JUNE to SEPTEMBER—blues, fluke, weaks, bass.

SEPTEMBER to LATE NOV.—blues, bass, large blackfish, and occasionally bonito.

Shinnecock's west jetty is easily reached by heading to Westhampton Beach, off Route 27, crossing the bridge, and turning left on Dune Road. The road dead ends at the jetty, with ample parking on the right. The east jetty requires a drive east, along Route 27 to Southampton. Turn right at the light, just past the sign indicating North Sea and Shelter Island. This road, the extension of North Sea Road, becomes Main Street in Southampton. Follow it to the end and make a right. The road turns to dirt in places, but presents no problems. There are several small parking areas on either side of the road, before it ends. A walk along the bay side for about a third of a mile, and you will reach the ocean end of the jetty.

Front or back, east or west, try Shinnecock Inlet. Put in the time, and it will eventually reward you.

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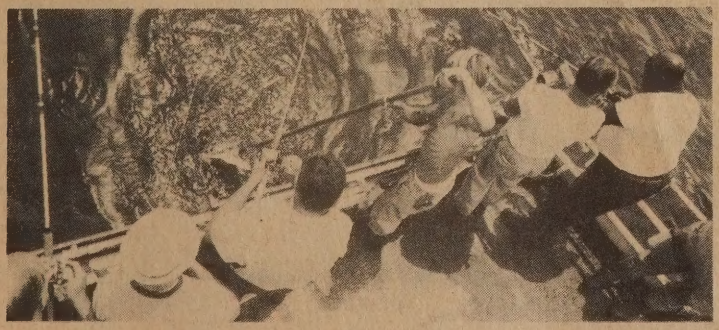

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REYNOLDS CHANNEL

Part Four — *by David Curti*

Reynolds Channel has always held a deep fascination for me in regard to striped bass, since my first bass came from the channel. It was on the first of many subsequent trips that I made with my uncle Tony and his fishing partner, Gus. I took it on sandworms drifted in back of our anchored boat. It was a six pounder but, to an eight-year-old, it might as well have been a world's record!

I had seen my first bass a couple of years before while fishing for white perch with he and my aunt in a small canal across the street from their restaurant. I watched with silent awe as my uncle bested its acrobatic antics in the shallow water.

It was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. It lay there on the dock with its dark green hues blending and fading into a pure white belly. The lateral lines were pronounced... Well, the rest is history and I have been chasing those fish ever since—generally up and down the beaches these days.

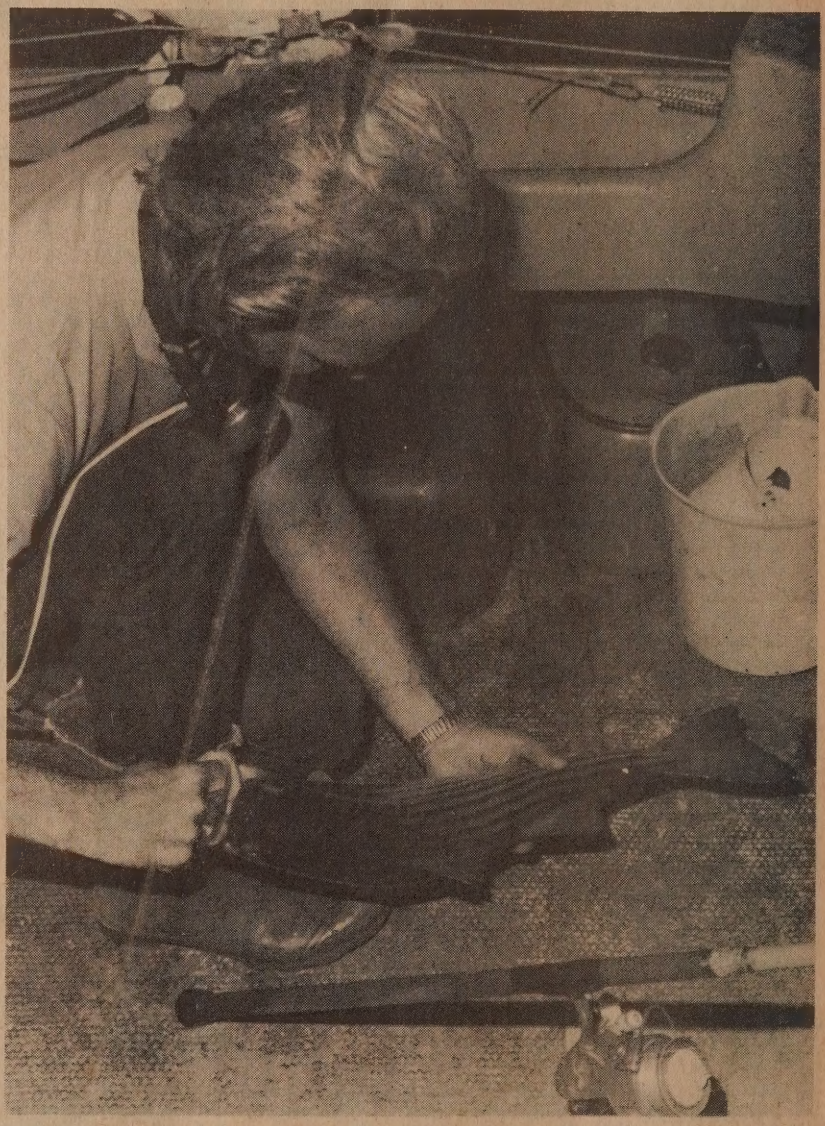
There were many nights when my uncle's business was slow and bass fishing was a spur of the moment decision. Gus would come walking in and say, "Tony, Ya ready?" Within a half hour were were under way.

These were mostly trolling trips. Gus and my uncle favored half-ounce bucktails unless they had some sand worms. On those occasions, they would break out some Cape Cod spinners. We would cover one side of Reynolds Channel on our way down to the bridge and turn around and cover the other side on the way back.

We could never be sure as to what type of method we would be using until we were on board. I remember one night when Gus had a couple of quarts of grass shrimp and a few dozen sand worms.

We anchored up on the marsh side of the channel by the Cedarhurst Yacht Club, a spot which I still fish today. We would thread the sand worms on the shanks of 2/0 Eagle Claw hooks and free spool them behind the boat. Gus would pick up each shrimp and gently pinch each shrimp in the head and drop it into the water. They would swim around in circles and drift back out of sight in the current.

Now, of course, this is an old weakfishing technique, but, as it also worked for bass, Gus and Tony were not fussy. They had a way to use almost every bait around!



Sandworms trolled along the Channel's edges will still produce a fair number of school bass.

Speaking of baits, as far as I know Gus was one of the first clam chummers in the area.

It was some time in early August of that same season. I guess Tony, Gus and my aunt, who was always feeding us, decided I was old enough, for I became a regular part of the crew.

Gus and Tony would take whole clams and run them through the restaurant's grinder. The machine turned out the best soup you ever saw.

We would take a gallon of the "soup" and mix it with about four gallons of water and then ladle it over the back of the transom. Our hooks, 2/0 Eagle Claw baitsavers, were tied

directly to the line, with no leaders. Sometimes if the current was running hard, we would add a small split shot about three feet up on the line.

The lines were free spooled into the current. My uncle and Gus knew quite well that big bass were cautious, and they would let out a considerable amount of line. Two to three hundred feet were not uncommon.

One night, when my uncle and I went down to meet Gus at the boat, we found him unhooking a small eel that he had just caught. He placed it in a bucket with some others. "I thought we were chumming for bass tonight," I said wondering. "We are...," Gus said.

That night I saw my first bass over twenty pounds. Gus baited one rod with one of the eels, dropped it back into the chum slick, and left the rod on the side out of the way with the click on the reel.

Gus believed that the chum slick attracted fish of every size, but for some reason, only schoolies would take the clam bait the majority of the time. "If you wanted a big fish," he said, "you used a big bait."

Generally, slack water was the signal for my aunt to "open the lunch." She did, but we didn't stay put. The engines were cut over the hole between buoys 3 and 5. What eels that remained were hooked through both lips and with the aid of a two ounce sinker (egg type) they were sent to the bottom. On more than one occasion a few more bass were added to our catch.

Before I forget, there are a number of spots in the channel that can produce well. The Atlantic Beach Bridge, the sod banks up to the Cedarhurst Yacht Club, and the piling up to and around buoy 3.

Now do not get me wrong: the channel was not bonanza fishing all the time. We had our lean nights then just as we do now: but I seem to remember fewer fishless nights when I was younger.

During late August and September, clam chumming can become a real problem when the snappers are around and enter the chum slick; but Tony and Gus always had a few tricks up their sleeves. We were using live snappers and bunker long before they had become popular baits.

Once, Tony and I were out alone and the snappers were playing havoc with our clam baits. Tony went into the cabin, got out his light spinner, baited a snapper hook with clam, and proceeded to catch a snapper. "Here, take the clam off and put this on," he said, handing me the snapper. "Hook it in front of the dorsal fin." I did and shortly after the snapper hit the water, I had a fish on. It was my first weakfish. We took a number of weakfish, along with some nice bass that night.

For years, large schools of bunker had taken up residence in Reynolds Channel. On many occasions, my uncle and I watched as acres of bunker moved down the channel on an outgoing tide. One of the last trips Gus ever made was on such a night and it proved to be a great education for me.

Chumming had produced only a few small fish that evening when the bunker showed up. They stretched from the Cedarhurst Yacht Club all the way up the channel beyond the High School. I was too busy watching the bunker to notice that Gus was casting a snagging rig into the bunker, and my uncle had hauled up the anchor. In a few minutes, we were drifting in the middle of the bunker school.

The bunker seemed nervous, and groups of them were breaking the surface of the water. The first large splash explained it all to me. Something was chasing them!

My uncle handed me a 2 oz. drail and a 2/0 treble rigged on a three foot leader. I rigged myself up. My uncle checked my knots (double clinch) and, taking my treble hook, put two barbs of the hook through the upper lip of the bunker. With this done I sent it down into the school.

My uncle and Gus hooked up first. Gus had a large blue and my uncle a bass. My own bunker suddenly made a lunge forward, and then I felt something heavy. The line sped off my reel. Just as I was about to panic, I heard my uncle crying, "Give her line, let her run!" I did...and the line went dead.

"I lost it," I said. "Engage your reel and count to ten." Instinctively, I did what I was told. I never finished the ten count. Both my uncle and Gus stopped fishing and, with gentle enthusiasm, they talked that fish into the boat. It topped the scales at a little over twenty-five pounds. Let me tell you I was one proud kid!

Unfortunately, the bunker and the bass are not always so cooperative, and most of the time you have to search them out. Experience has taught me that the bunker are generally in one of two areas. They are either across from the Long Beach High School or by the Cedarhurst Yacht Club.

Tony and Gus are both gone, but what they taught me has remained, and I don't mean just fishing. I am talking about respect—a respect for nature and the sea in particular.

Sure, my uncle owned a restaurant and a good percentage of his catch was sold in his place; but he never kept a short, never kept more than we could use and never killed a so-called trash fish. Those two guys released more fish than I will probably ever catch!

I was a lucky kid to have my uncle Tony, and I am also a grateful man for having known and fished with him for over thirty years.

Next week I will talk about the plug fishing that is available in the channel.

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RIGGING SHARK BAITS

by Pete Barrett

Every sharker has his own preference for rigging baits, and if you put ten sharkers in a room, you would no doubt get ten different answers about which is the best way to rig baits. We've tried to show here, the most often used bait rigging methods. Many anglers modify these rigging methods to their own preferences.

I avoid complicated rigs with double hooks or huge baits that might better be presented to whales rather than a shark. These fish aren't stupid and they didn't earn a niche in the millions of years of their ancestry by playing dumb. Neat and simple baits will look more natural and will get you more strikes in comparison to the multi-hook rigs and ragged baits that sometimes are used.

The actual bait can be anything from mackerel (the most popular), to whiting, ling, small blues, bonito, skipjacks, squid and bunker. My three favorites are mackerel, whiting and bluefish and on any given day I'll try to fish with all three baits. Several good shark fishermen have been using whole squid the past couple of seasons and doing very well.

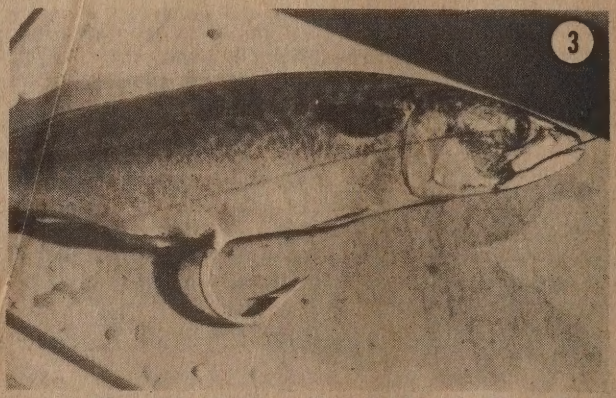
Rig whole baits with a rigging needle passed from vent to the nose is very popular, but has a drawback. Some sharks will mouth and jaw on a bait for what seems like long minutes before actually swallowing the bait. While they chomp on it, the hook can get unbelievably buried inside the bait behind the skull. When you go to set up on your fish all you feel is the sickening tearing sensation as the bait slides out of the fish.

A better way to rig, if you like whole baits, is to hook the bait just aft of the pectorals and secure the bait in position with a few twists around the leader with the tag end of the haywire. Pass the tag through the chin and nose of the bait and tie it closed. When a shark jaws the bait, he can't get the hook buried inside the bony head of the bait. (Photos 5-6.)

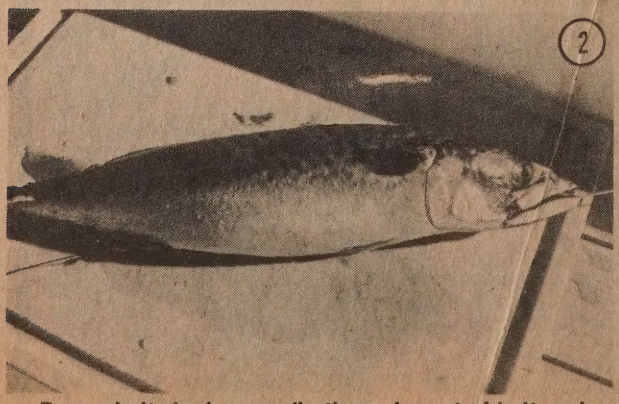
My own preference is to rig fillet baits. Fillets don't often get fouled as a fish swallows the bait and you can get two baits from each bait fish. One of our largest makos last year took a small fillet of only 10 inches long and 2 inches wide. Other large sharks like tigers also readily took the fillets. I feel I get a greater percentage of hook-ups after the first runoff with the fillets than I did when I fished whole baits.

Many offshore anglers are gearing up for the numerous shark tourneys scheduled over the next few months. Now's the time to sharpen your rigging skills.

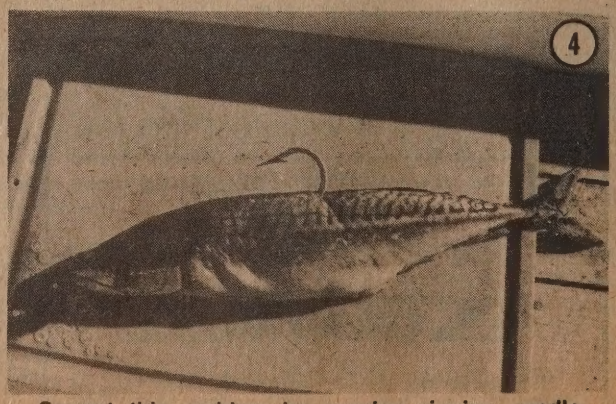
Author uses two-piece leaders; each piece is coiled with either a barrel swivel or a hook haywired in place.



...until hook is in place. Note the tear in the belly which can frequently happen with frozen baits that soften after thawing.

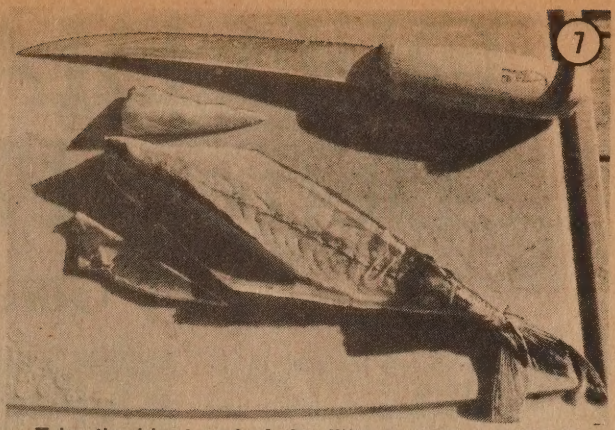


Pass a bait rigging needle through vent of bait and out mouth. Attach end of leader to eye of needle, then pull leader through...

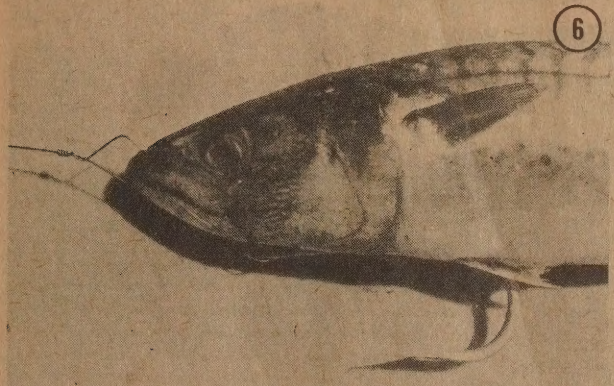


Correct this problem by running rigging needle through back of bait where the meat is firmer and won't tear so easily.

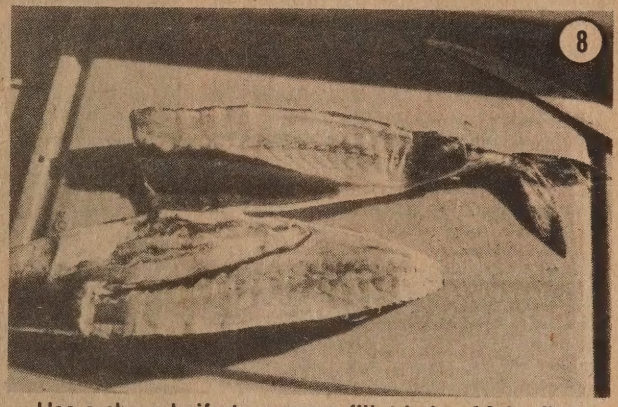
To hook baits through the chin and pectorals, leave the tag end of the haywire twist in place.



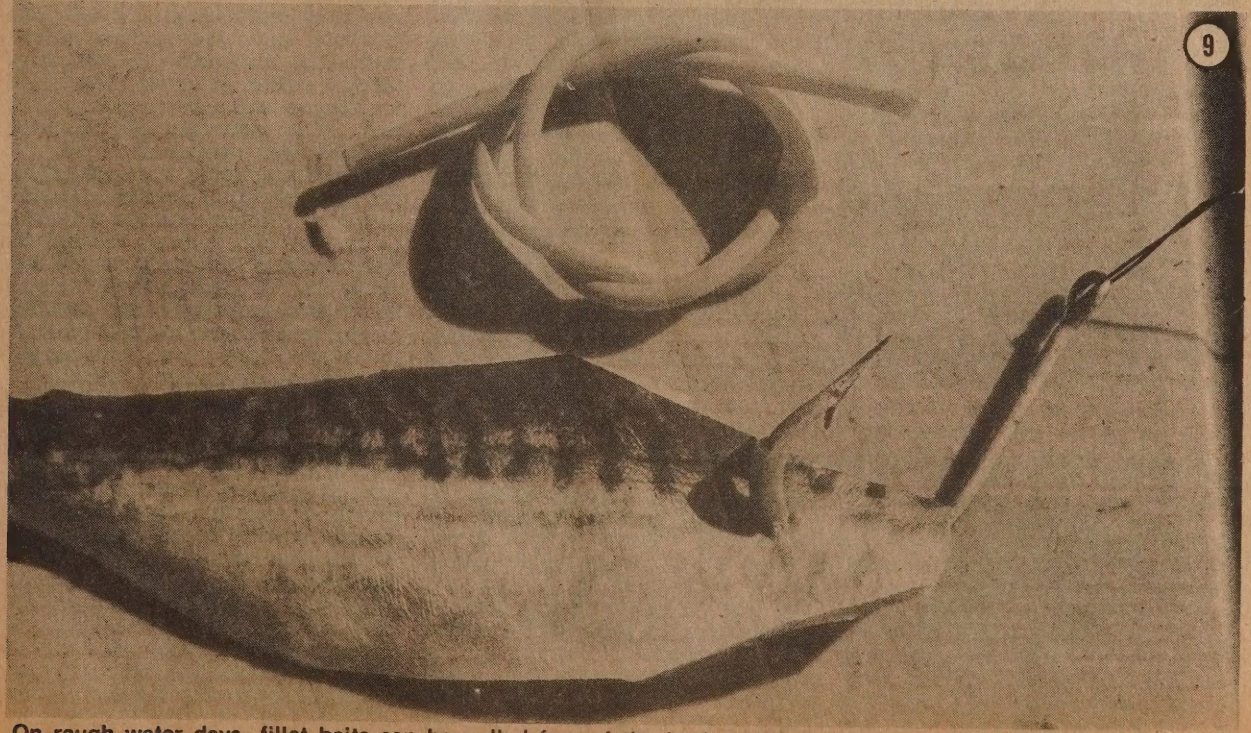
Trim the blunt end of the fillet to a neat taper to prevent bait from spinning.



Insert the hook under the gills and twist the hook so the point passes behind small bone between the pectoral fins. Push the tag end of wire through the lower jaw and nose of bait and then twist to hold hook and leader firmly in position.



Use a sharp knife to prepare fillet baits. Make first cut just behind gills and slide knife along backbone until three inches from tail, then cut through backbone. Fillet bait now has tail attached. Use other side of bait to make smaller strip baits for smaller sharks that show in the slick.



On rough water days, fillet baits can be pulled free of the hook as the hole at the hook bend increases in size. Use rubber band or a small piece of surge tubing to lock fillet in place. Fillet baits are ideal for fishing with cable leaders instead of single strand wire.

OLD DIAMONDS: Better Than New?

by Gerald Hahn

Ever since sand eels replaced mossbunker in Long Island's waters, diamonds have become man's best friend and bluefish's greatest enemy: jigs, that is. Neither the time-tested leadhead bucktail nor the undulating surge tube has caught as many bluefish as the diamond jig. This lure exemplifies a basic rule of freshwater fishing applied to the salt: matching the hatch. For in color, proportion, and movement, no artificial resembles a sand launce more than a diamond jig.

A diamond jig is simply a chromed chunk of metal with a symmetrical design—bulky in the center, tapered at both ends, and terminating in two eyelets: one for the hook, the other for the line. The jig flashes brightly because it is cut into several facets or planes. Most jigs are four-sided, although some have six sides or more. One model is somewhat rounder, like two cylindrical sections fused together, forming two corners or edges. Another pattern is eccentrically molded into an asymmetrical curve with three sides, resembling a sand eel in motion. Most diamond jigs are smooth and brightly finished to a mirror-like lustre, although some have fish-scale patterns or other designs etched, hammered, or molded into them. Diamond jigs come in various sizes, the most popular weighing between two and four ounces. On the east end, some fishermen prefer larger jigs in the six to twelve ounce range because the currents are stronger and the bait sometimes is larger. Consequently, hook sizes vary accordingly, from 3/0 to 8/0 O'Shaughnessy, Siwash, or Limericks with bent shanks for split-tail tubing in red, green, or white.

The forerunners to diamond jigs—block tin squids and spoons—came with single hooks rigidly mounted, like the hooks on leadhead jigs. Many bluefish were lost. As the designs improved, however, eyelets were added, fore and aft, and open-ring treble hooks replaced single hooks. The treble, with three barbed points, and an open ring, could swing a little and hold onto a large bluefish. Nevertheless, it was soon discovered that bluefish, being ferocious head-shakers, frequently forced their jaws against the treble's central shaft and pried themselves free. Because of this, designers returned to single hooks. Unfortunately, the problem

continued because the single hook, an open ring type, was mounted like the treble, directly to the jig's eyelet. Bluefish now simply used the jig's body as a wedge to tear free. Not to be outdone, experimental anglers were soon making their own improvements; they removed the hook, added a split-ring and a barrel swivel, and then connected the hook to the swivel. With a free-swiveling hook, bluefish could no longer pry themselves free. Moreover, the newly mounted hook increased the jig's action, suggesting the addition of a split-tail, surge tube. Today, the best diamond jigs have built-in swivels. Aside from these refinements, however, a rather unusual feature about diamond jigs revealed itself, as well.

One day, as I was disembarking from a party boat, I noticed a discarded diamond jig on the dock. The front eyelet was gone and the hook was broken at the bend. It was a 3 oz. jig with a fish-scale pattern, and judging by its scarred, discolored body, it must have been subjected to hundreds of razor-sharp bluefish teeth. Still, the old jig had a fair amount of flash left, and I decided to keep it. Some time later, I drilled a hole near the jig's front end, added a swiveling hook at the rear, and tossed it in my tackle box. I decided to try it out on my next bluefish trip. I was surprised to discover what experienced fishermen already knew, that the old jig outfished a new one. Subsequent trips proved the same.

In a culture dedicated to built-in obsolescence and throwaway products—lighters, razors, pens, etc.—fishermen are constantly seduced by new lures. And the truth is that many artificials work best when new or at least when spruced up. A paint-chipped leadhead bucktail will not catch as many game fish as a new one. Similarly, a discolored swimming plug is more effective after it is touched up with paint or glitter. Why then, will a worn diamond jig catch more bluefish than a brand new one?

Before attempting to answer this, it is important to understand what a diamond jig does when it is fished properly. The jig should always be tied directly to the fishing line, or to a heavy shocker connected to the line with a blood knot. No snaps, swivels, or wire leaders are used because they inhibit the lure's wobbling action. One method, called "jigging," involves bouncing the lure off the bottom, mimicking several movements of a sand launce. The jig is free-spooled to the bottom, and as soon as the bump is felt, the reel is engaged and the lure retrieved rapidly, about 5 to 10 revolutions of the handle. Fast reels with a 4:1 ratio are normally used. If there is no pick-up, the lure is immediately dropped back to the ocean floor and retrieved again, this time to a higher level where other fish may intercept it. Coordination must be smooth, for a life less jig will be spurned by bluefish. In most cases, the fish will strike the jig the first time it bounces off the bottom. When this method

does not work, another, called "squidding," is performed. Here, the lure is dropped to the bottom, and then reeled as quickly as possible to the surface, mimicking another sand launce movement. This method is useful when bluefish are feeding at an undetermined, higher level. Sand launce feed off the bottom frequently, hopping in an undulating fashion. When frightened, they nose-dive into the sandy bottom and hide. Jigging mimics these movements. In a panic, sand launce sometimes flee rapidly to the surface, twisting their bodies rhythmically as they move. Squidding imitates this movement.

Watching schools of sand launce on the surface, reveals that their silvery flashes are inconsistent, broken patterns of light. The reason, of course, is that sand launce, unlike diamond jigs, can bend and twist in sinuous, calligraphic curves—catching the light here, losing it there. Perceptual tests reveal that broken light patterns are more animated, give a more agitated illusion of movement than does constant light. A man walking at a normal pace, for example, seems to be running when seen under a pulsating strobe light. Similarly, Charlie Chaplin's movement is more animated, jerkier than Robert Redford's, because the visible frames-per-second on an old film strip are less than on a new one. A diamond jig that is scarred disperses light in broken patches, whereas a new jig does not. Moving at the same speed, then, the old jig is livelier and seems to be moving faster than a new jig. Moreover, it provides a better imitation of a moving sand launce because it scatters the light.

Even when a jig halts momentarily, broken light gives more life than unbroken light. The light patterns on a theater marquee, known as the phi-phenomenon, are excellent examples of apparent motion. The lights are not really moving; they are programmed to blink in sequence. The first light in the series goes on, while all the others are off. As soon as the first light goes off, the second one goes on—and so forth. The pace is so rapid that the light seems to be moving, like a rippling baitfish in the water. If the flashes are speeded up, however, to beyond about 30 blinks a second, we see a steady, continuous light, and no movement at all. Of course, an old diamond jig held briefly still, is not programmed to reflect light in sequence. Neither is a new one. But the worn jig, as it turns somewhat in the water, will sparkle with greater life than a new one.

Of course, if a diamond jig is so worn that there is no chrome left, it will be as effective as catching a bluefish with a sinker. In this case, heat shrink tubing stretched over the body, or a paint job, will improve it. But if the jig is only partially chewed up and scarred, don't discard it; don't spruce it up either. Try the worn jig and see if an old diamond is not better than a new one.

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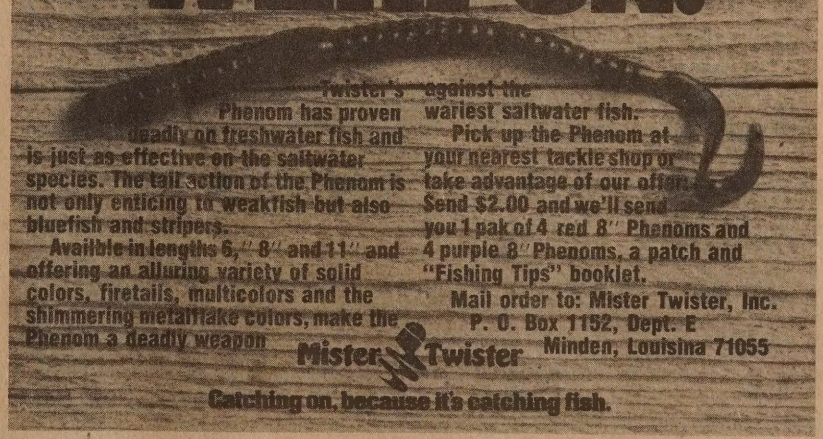

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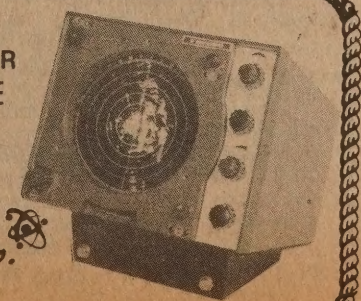

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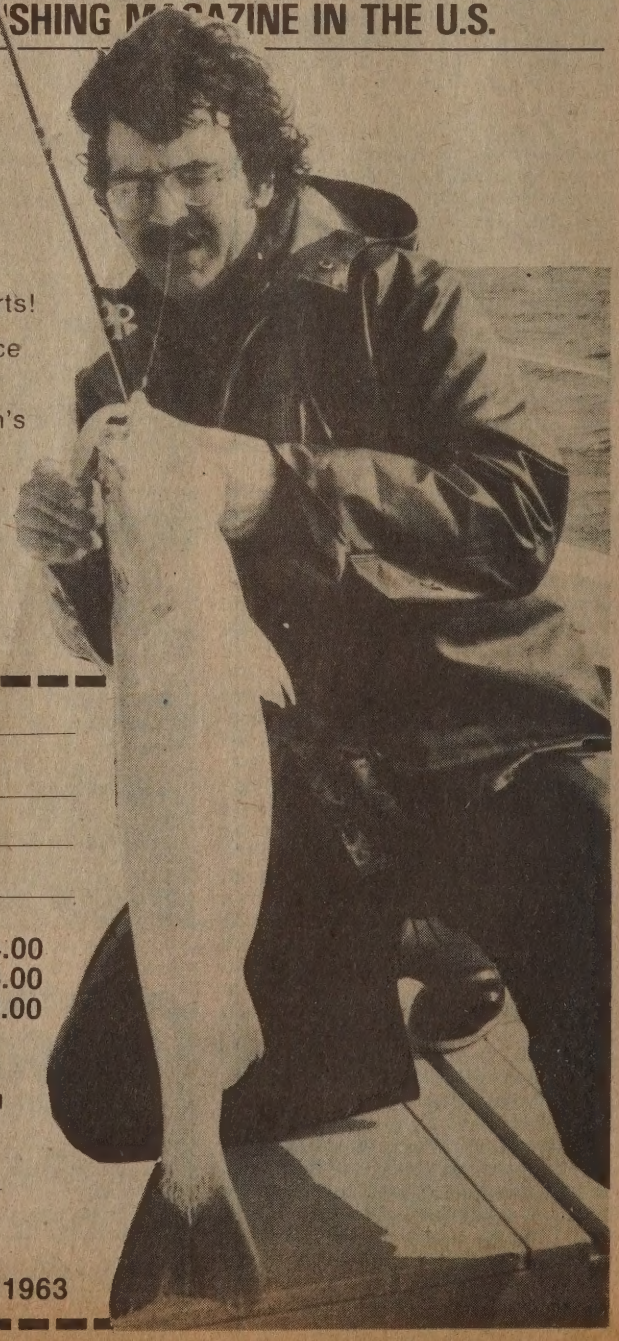

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Though we could not reach Capt Dusty for the weekend's results, he did inform us on Wednesday that both **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** are loading up on big porgies in the 2 to 3 lb. range fishing the Pocketbook. Barring any big offshore storms, this action should be continuing as you read this. See ad for details.

Capt Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** called to say that Saturday saw constant action with big blues and also several blue shark fishing in 180' of water at the Butterfish Hole. On Sunday's charter Mad Dog Mc Guire and Steelman Jack Broderick hooked and landed a 122 lb. blue shark on 8 lb. test and spinning gear. Nice going, guys.

Capt Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** tells of 20 to 25 porgies a man from 1½ to 2 lbs. with a few 3 pounders thrown in plus a scattering of sea bass and blackfish for his customers. The **Marlin V** which is doing two half day fluke trips daily, in the Rips off the Lighthouse, is doing well with fish averaging 2 lbs. and the pool fish going 4 to 5 lbs. This is on sand eels and fish belly. One customer had 9 big keepers. Very few throw backs. Rich says this is the best fluking he has seen in the last several years. Starting Saturday, June 27th the **Marlin IV** will be starting night bluefishing trips.

Capt Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** tells us that the bluefishing is terrific and charters are getting 80 to 90 blues a trip. Calling from an overnighter fishing Sunday and Monday as we went to press, the charter had plenty of blue shark and also a big mako in the boat. This was as of 10 a.m. Monday morning. The boat still has a few choice open dates available. says the skipper.

Gone Fishing Marina tells us that the fluke have taken up residence just NE of North Rips. Ron Krum had 8 good keepers in just 1½ hrs. fishing with not many shorts. Dave Emerson had 4 blue shark fishing 30 miles south of the Point and reports that he saw what he believed to be a 20' great white shark in that area. Maureen also tells of good porgy activity in the Pocketbook area, with fish up to 4 lbs.

Capt Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** says that Saturday's trip for Frank Maglachio and group had 4 makos on, managing to bring in 2 of them after a lot of jumping by the Bruisers. The two boated went 206 lbs. and 165 lbs. taken at the Butterfish Hole. Sunday's charter saw no makos hooked but there are plenty of blue shark supplying mucho action. Bluefishing has been excellent with Friday's group taking over 100 blues just off Block Island on umbrellas fished on the end of mono.

Capt Jack Passie of the charter boat **Windy** called to report a very productive week's striped bass fishing. It's been all night fishing and catches ranged from 3 to 8 stripers per night fishing Danny plugs on wire line in the Great Eastern area. White, black and yellow plugs were the ticket. Bass ran from 20 to 38 lbs.

Henry at **Star Island Yacht Club** tells of mako bonanza this past week with 8 makos being brought into the marina. Ed O'Brien bagged 286

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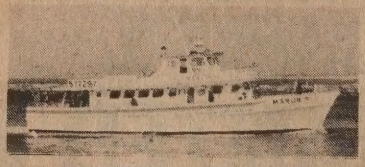

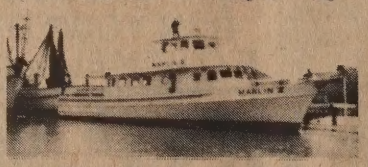

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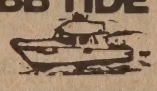

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Charter boat **Julie III** with Capt Ron at the wheel had charters out Saturday and Sunday. The two days totaled 735 porgies up to 3½ lbs., 22 sea bass up to 4 lbs. and 12 blackfish up to 7½ lbs. This was all at the Pocketbook Ledge.

Charter boat **Mistress II** reports 5 stripers Wednesday evening from 25 to 35 lbs. for Montauk angler Jack Ahern on trolled umbrellas worked around the Point. Saturday's trip was the first shark trip of the season for Capt Fritz and his group scored with a 159 lb. mako and several blue shark for George Walter and party from Queens and Montauk. They fished roughly 15 miles east of the Point. The skipper reports excellent bluefishing also south of the Point on umbrellas.

Capt Gary of the charter boat **Barracuda** tells us the offshore shark action is very good with big blue sharks and makos showing. The **Barracuda** released a large number of blue sharks over the weekend and dropped a large mako at the boat. Bruce Kieffer on his boat Feeling Free hooked a 210 lb. mako. Capt John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebb Tide** had a solid catch of a 330 lb. mako on the weekend.

Capt Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to say that last week he had a solid bluefishing charter that filled up with 50 big blues from 10 to 15 lbs. fishing south of Cartwright in 120' of water.

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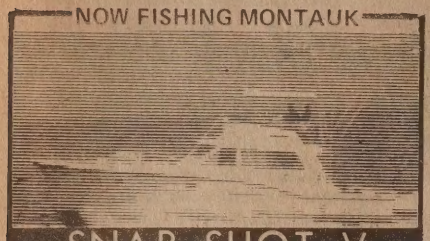

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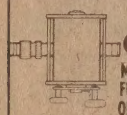

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

John from **Corr's Fishing Station** reported fluke fishing remained good with the size of the fish beginning to show some improvement. Best of the action has been right out in front of the station. Flounder still available in the Basket Area for those using sandworms, while in Saturday's rain, school bass and blues popped up in the inlet. One boat on the scene had 11 bass casting tins.

MORICHES BAY

Captain Fred on the charter boat **Sea Mist** spoke of lively mako shark action offshore of Moriches. Steve Diamond, a member of the Frank Buckley party took a 200 lb. thresher shark after a 1½ hr. battle. Anyone interested in getting in on this shark action should give the skipper a call because there are still some weekday openings available.

From **Sea Tuck Cove** in Eastport, Andy labelled Saturday as a washout. On Sunday the fluking in the area was okay, with the average catch per boat ranging anywhere from 12-25 flatfish. Three out of five of the fish are now keepers according to Andy and the best of the action has been east of buoy 44. Sand eels or spearing with squid strips have been accounting for the best action as the fluking continues to improve. Flounder fishing in the bay is slowly tapering off.

Todd Schryver, with his sons Bert and Darren made this catch of 95 flounder at buoy 42 in Moriches Bay after leaving from Seatuck Cove Fishing Station. The trio used worms and mussel chum.

Gary at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported fluking has been good at buoys 38, 42 and 43. The keeper to throwback ratio is now in the 50-50 range. On Saturday, a Mr. Stockwell and friend totaled 18 keepers using sand eel and squid combos near buoy 38. Of the flounder fishing, boats still managed to take 40 to 50 decent flatties with the area south of buoys 36 and 39 the most productive. The high water change and bloodworms have been the ticket for these fish.

At **Skidmore's Fishing Station** Jim spoke of a catch of 33 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. for John Kropp and Al Kmitias made at buoys 42 and 43 on sand eels. On Saturday, Matt and John Voil accounted for 29 keeper fluke up to 4½ lbs. as well as 2 small blues. They also fished with sand eels in the same buoy 42-43 area. The keeper to short ratio has improved to 60-40, according to Jim and the size of the fish continues to show daily improvement. The station owner suggested customers bring a light casting rod for the small blues which have been roaming the fluke grounds. Small tins are all that are needed to take these fish. Flounder fishing continues good south of buoy 39 with some boats taking as many as 60 fish on bloodworms. Chumming does help. Stan Bigora brought a 305 lb. mako into the marina aboard the Spicy One. The fish placed 4th in the Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament held over this past weekend.

Tony, who handles the mating chores on the charter boat **Rogue** reported a lot of shark action south and southeast of Moriches Inlet in 150' to 160' of water. On Wednesday the boat totaled 11 sharks including

browns, blues and a pair of makos. On Saturday, 7 sharks including 123 lb. mako were taken. Tony also passed along some of the leading fish in the weekend's Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament. Among the big sharks were a 460 lb. dusky, a 404 lb. mako taken by Newsday fishing columnist Nick Karas, and a 353 lb. white shark.

MASTIC BEACH

Captain Bill reported from **Stiriz Fishing Station** that fluking continues good from buoys 23 to 27. The number of keepers to shorts has been about 50-50, with killies fished on any moving tide proving to be the best combination. Blues from 1½ to 3 lbs. being taken by casters using plugs or tins from the bridge to buoy 23. Crabs now making a respectable showing according to Bill.

WEST SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** said fluke action has been picking up at buoys 4 and 5 and in the Ocean Beach area. The size of the fish is showing gradual improvement and the majority of the fish are being taken on sand eel and squid combinations. A few blowfish are mixed with the fluke. The big weaks have petered out, but Jim expects a summer run of small fish to get under way shortly. Small blues roaming many parts of the bay with the best chance for action in the early AM. Blue claw crabs beginning to show in the area.

OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sport Center** spoke of lots of fluke at West Channel, the Robert Moses bridge, Ocean Beach and in the State Channel but said that at least 50 percent of the fish taken must be returned. Plenty of blues in the bay, with fish ranging anywhere from 1-5 lbs. being trolled on umbrella rigs near the lighthouse and being plugged in the evenings in Dickerson Channel and near Sexton Island. A few trout from 14" to 16"

Charlie Romano, Charlie Reed, and Joe Aglio with 102 flounder taken N.E. of buoy 42 on bloodworms and mussel chum. They fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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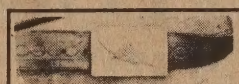

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EAST ISLIP

Mike at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** spoke of a mixture of fluke, small blues and sea bass in the Ocean Beach area. One boatman reported a good body of bluefish 150° out of Fire Island Inlet in 70' of water on Saturday. On Thursday, Bob Otto and Paul Hendricks, aboard Bob's boat Re-Bait totaled 12 fluke, 3 blues and a 7 lb. striper in Dickerson Channel. The fluke were taken on sand eels, while the blues and bass fell to popping plugs towards evening. John Schauer of East Islip sampled the bluefishing on Farm Shoals early Sunday morning and found lots of action with small choppers despite a weed problem.

BAY SHORE

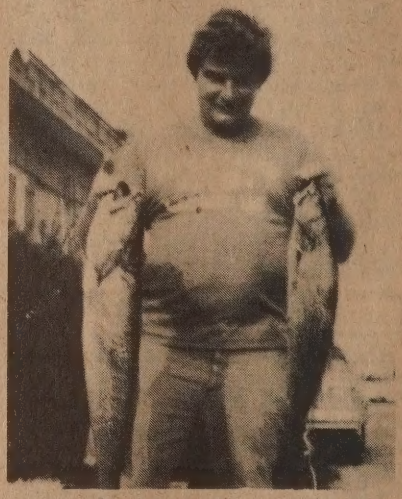
Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** spoke of an improvement in the ratio of keeper fluke to undersized fish. He mentioned West Channel, Snake HIll Channel and the Robt. Moses bridge as a few of the better producing fluke spots. Both weaks and blues have been trolled from the inlet back to the lighthouse on umbrella rigs, while a few smaller weakfish have started to appear off of Heckscher. Bluefish in the 8-12 lb. class were taken by chummers and jiggers over the weekend in 90' of water, 155° out of Fire Island Inlet. Smaller blues, from 2-5 lbs. being chummed and plugged in Steamboat Channel according to Carl.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** told of excellent fluking during the middle of last week. Things slowed somewhat over the weekend but Saturday was still a decent day with the skipper finding most of his action near West Island and Sexton Island. On most days, anywhere from 75 to 150 keepers come aboard. Sand eels and spearing have been accounting for many of the summer flatfish.

CAPTREE

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Capt. Bob Joseph** spoke of plenty of fluke action and more keepers than shorts coming aboard in recent days. The skipper has been fishing from the inlet to the bridge and using sand eel and squid or fluke belly combos. Charlie reminded that he begins sailing special bluefish trips 7PM Friday and will continue on a daily basis.

Charter Boat **Rendova Island** reported a lot fluke action in Snake Hill Channel and the State Channel with a lot of shorts mixed with keepers up to 3½ lbs. Incoming tide and killie and squid combos seem to be the best combo. The boat has open dates available due to late cancellations, so give them a call.



John Boal took these weaks at buoy 12, after renting a skiff from Stiriz' Fishing Station.

Charter boat **Sea Bird** fished members of the Dix Hills Fire Dept. on Saturday and totalled 7 keeper fluke. Pool fish was a 4½ lber. taken by Don Randise. The fish have now moved well into the bay where combo baits of sand eels or killies and fluke belly have been very effective.

Captain Richie Leitch of the open boat **Capt. Leitch** reported that 15 yr. old Charlie Paroubek made his first fluke a memorable one. The 4 lbers. taken on Saturday earned him a split of the pool. Eleven-year-old Bob Constantino must have had an in with the flatfish as he totaled 13 keepers up to 4 lbs. The skipper has been fishing the inlet area. On Saturday 125 keepers came aboard with Sunday witnessing the same results but for more passengers.

The Open boat **Capt. Ben Litwin** reported a fluke of 6½ lbs. taken by Ed Wagner last Sunday. Fluke have

been plentiful according to Capt. Ben, but a good portion of the fish are still shorts.

Captain Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** reported good fluking during the week on sand eels and squid combos in the lighthouse area. The skipper has noticed a definite improvement in the number of keepers to shorts.

The charter boat **Eleanor** fished a charter from Future Motors on Saturday. In addition to a good number of keepers to 3 lbs. a few seabass also came aboard. The sea bass came from the RM Bridge and the State Channel. Overall the fluking has been good with the ratio of keepers to shorts about 50-50.

The open boat **Capt. Scotty** said that while there are still lots of shorts being taken the boat did manage 8 fluke in the 4-6 lb. class this past week. Beginning Friday, the boat will be switching over to a 2 trip daily bluefish schedule. Bluefishing will commence with Friday's 6PM trip and continue daily at 6AM and 6PM.

Captain Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** reported plenty of fluke action throughout the day with the keeper ratio showing a general improvement. A number of 2-3 lb. class fish are now taken on each trip. Catches over the weekend varied with fares taking anywhere from 2-8 keepers per man. The skipper reminded that he is now on a summer sailing schedule with fluke trips at 7AM and 2PM and night bluefishing beginning Friday June 26. Reservations can be made and trips will be limited to 44 passengers. See ad for details.

Bob at the **Captree Bait Station** weighed in a 6 lb. 4 oz. for Rudy Boectigheimer. The big flattie was taken aboard the open boat **Capt. Rod** on Wednesday. Overall there are plenty of fluke around according to Bob with lots of shorts still mixed in. Sand eels and spearing seem to be the most effective baits. Bob also made mention that a decent number of summer flatfish are being taken from the fishing pier out in front of the bait station.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reported fair to good fluking with 60-100 keepers being taken on each trip. Fishing is being done from the lighthouse to the bridge in West Channel and in the State Channel from Captree to Gilgo. Both sand eels and spearing have been effective on the flatfish. In addition to the keepers, short fluke have been providing plenty of action in-between.

BABYLON

Ralph at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** relayed word of a catch of 30 blues in the 6 lb. class made in 80' of water aboard the private boat Six Pack. This was on Friday. Also on Friday, Ed Baine aboard the Heat Wave ran to 200' of water s.e. of Fire Island inlet and returned with a 476 lb. dusky and a 246 lb. mako shark. In the same

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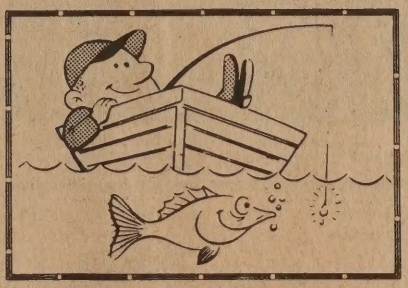

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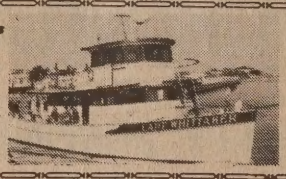

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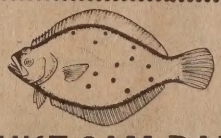

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area, Bill Miller of the Gannet found a 228 lb. mako. Fishing out at the Canyon came alive late last week according to Ralph. This fact is best evidenced by some of the catches made by some of the boats making the long run offshore. On Thursday, the 3 Hearts found a 94 lb. yellowfin along with a bunch of bigeye tuna and some true albacore. On Saturday, Ted Freund's Irish Faker returned with 12 true albacore. Same day, the Tenderfoot found some wild fishing with 19 true albacore, 12 yellowfins and big eyes of 238 lbs. and 200 lbs. being taken. On Sunday, the Born Free clicked with a 305 lbs. thresher shark, while Artie Orlandi of Augie's put a 325 lber. aboard the Three Sons. Acres of yellowfin tuna were reported by boatmen at the Texas Tower while lots of bluefin tuna in the 15-30 lb. were reportedly in the vicinity of the NOAA weather station.

LINDENHURST

Mike of **lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** also spoke of good offshore action with Jack and John Spezio accounting for makos of 70, 80 and 205 lbs. south of Fire Island Inlet in 170' of water. They also reported losing a mako in the 3-400 lb. class due to a broken leader. In 90' of water, chummers and jiggers have been working over blues in the 8-12 lb. class. Inshore, the Manfreddo family fished the State Channel on Sunday and using killie and squid combos put away a good catch of keeper fluke. On Sunday, Bob and Russ Hollis fished the Copiague Hole and totalled 9 fluke up to 5¾ lbs. Boatmen trolling purple tubes in the inlet area have been accounting for some fair catches of weakfish.

AMITYVILLE

Marie at **Combs Bait and Tackle** reported a 125 lb. mako for Frank Antamofa, his son John had a smaller mako as well in addition to nine other sharks. Fishing was done in 165' of water, 150° from Jones Inlet. Of the local fluking, Marie mentioned Four Corners, Massapequa Cove and West Island as producing some of the best action with lots of short fish being taken. Many of which are in the 13-13½'' size range. Some weaks on shrimp chum in the bay and lots of small blues around in the early AM and evening for pluggers and chummers.

SEAFORD

Lon at **wanser Bait and Tackle** reported good fluking with lots of small fish still being taken. Spearing, sand eels and squid have been the more popular baits with West Island, Goose Creek, Sloop Channel and Massapequa Cove getting the most play. On Saturday, Ann and Steve Weiss fished Massapequa Cove and checked in a load of fluke up to 3¼ lbs. They used killie and squid combos. Weakfish being taken at

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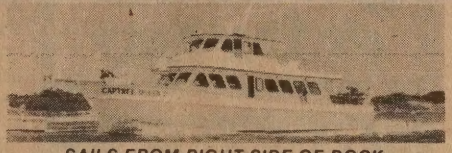

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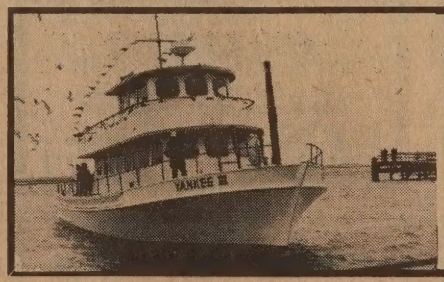

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night on sand worms at the Meadow Brook and 3rd Wantagh Bridge. A few bass being livelined in the bay and in the inlet on live bunkers. Bob Marcel had fish of 23 and 31 lbs. on Thursday.

John at **Pops Fishing Station** spoke of good fishing during last week but said action slacked off over the weekend. Rentals have been getting a good mix of blackfish, and blowfish in the area. On Thursday, Nick and Frank Elberfeld and Paul Longerello returned with 15 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. and a few sea bass. They fished sand eels and killies in Massapequa Cove. On Sunday, Ed Coughlin and John Drew returned with 10 keepers from the 2nd bridge. John added there are still a few weaks being taken at Four Corners.

Captain Brian ofthe Open boat **Chinco** told of good fluking most days with catches averaging 7 to 16 keepers per man. Weekend action slowed with the skipper attributing it to heavy boat traffic. Best action has been spread from the Meadowbrook to the 3rd bridge and from the 3rd bridge to Four Corners. Squid and k killie combos have been the best bait.

From his **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** Art told of a catch of 17 keeper fluke made at Four Corners by Dominck Ferrara of Glendale and his father-in-law. All told, the pair took 45 of the summer flatfish. They used killies. Another pair of anglers returned to the station with 40 flounder in the 1-1¼ lb. class from the 3rd Wantagh bridge. In addition, Art knew of a few bass being taken at the bridges and said that blueclaw crabs are beginning to show in the area.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** reported that one boat tagged and released a big mako after whipping it on 30 lb. class tackle 155° and 25 miles out of Jones Inlet. Blues in the 10-12 lb. class being chummed and trolled from 80' of water on out, according to Scott. Inside the bay some school bass being taken on clam chum and fluke improving in both size and quantity. Squid and sand eel combos seem to have the edge in the bait department.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nicks Fishing Station** labeled the fluking as good but reminded that lots of small fish are being taken. Conservation officers have been cracking down in the area, so pay special attention to the 14'' minimum size limit. The best of the fluking according to Jim has been at Merrick Pt. on either killies or sand eels. On Friday, one boat returned to the station with 28 flounder in the 1 lb. class taken from Sloop Channel on worms. A few bass around as demonstrated by George Zipper who livelined a pair of teen sized fish on bunker Sunday AM. Small blues in the 2-4 lb. class were in good supply

in 30-35' of water off of Long Beach on Thursday and Friday but disappeared over the weekend. Bigger choppers in the 7-8 lb. range chummed and trolled at Cholera on Sunday.

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FREEPORT

Larry at **Mako Marina** tells of Bob Garaputa's 296 lb. mako taken 160 degrees out of Jone's at an unknown depth. Ron Leonardi on his boat Alice M bagged a 160 lb. mako fishing 145 degrees heading out of Jone's in 150' of water. Aboard Pop's Toy, Skip bagged a 90 lb. mako, tagging and releasing a larger one.

Hudson Point Fishing Station reports lots of makos caught Saturday. Bart Lazarus caught a 275 lb. mako on his boat Sundown in 160' of water around the Virginia. Paul Stern aboard his boat Meri decked 194 lb. mako fishing in 160' of water. Flounders remain excellent with John Sako and 3 relatives taking roughly 55 big flatties at the Coast Guard Station, fish averaging 1½ lbs. Fluking has been very good on the outgoing tide in the back waters on sand eels and squid.

The **Aloma II** reports that the morning fluke trips have been best as the early boats get the best of what big fish move in during the night. Catches are being made locally in the Inlet and back creeks on sand eels, spearing and squid and fish belly. Night bluefishing trips have been scoring well with 5 to 15 blues per man up to 15 lbs.

Capt Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** reports very active fluking with the number of keepers increasing every day. The boat will also be doing night bluefishing. See ad for details.

Capt Mike of the charter boat **Apus II** reports a mako hitting 200 lbs. on the scale was taken on Saturday. Another big mako broke loose and that fish was estimated at 400 lbs. They also had plenty of blue shark and duskies around the boat. Mike says the canyon is loaded with bue shark but they have not seen any tuna out there as yet. Bluefishing SW of Jone's Inlet has been very productive and they have also taken an occasional bonita.

The **Capt Gary** tells us that Friday's fluke charter for Meto. Life Ins. Co. had good fishing in the Inlet in the morning and in the afternoon did well in Reynold's Channel off the Golf Course. Hi hook was 12 keepers for Rudy Povosil of Rockaway. A 3 lb. pool fish fell to Rao Kahan of Bayside. Ray Weir with a 5 lb. fluke was not in the pool. Saturday's trip for Steve

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The **Capt Bill** tells of lots of fluke action with a lot of shorts an also enough keepers to make it worthwhile. The morning tides have been best with the keepers running from 15 to 18 inches. Sandeels are working best and this is all back water fishing.

Capt Richie of the **Starstream II** is now switching over to day and night bluefishing, as the fish are definitely here and in good numbers. See ad for sailing times.

The **Capt Al** which has been bluefishing since last Thursday has been scoring nicely everyday consistently and locally. Al says there are fish in every area that he has hit. Sunday's hi hook was 20 fish in the NB area, fish from 2 to 5 lbs. It's all jig fishing. Libardo Latorre Jr. had 20 blues. Clark Devins had 14 fish. Roosevelt Rodgers had 8 on Saturday and 16 on Sunday in the Cholera area. Roughly as many fish are dropped as are caught. Over 300 fish were taken on Sunday.

The **Capt Lou Fleet** reports very good fluking this week with keepers on the full day boat in the teens. Lots of throwbacks. Ed of Casino Cleaners in Merrick had 16 keepers Tuesday on a full day. Ray Thompson of Wantagh had 11 keepers on a full day trip. On the half day boat fares are averaging 6 to 8 keepers plus a lot of throwbacks. Fishing has been better on the morning trips. A 5 pounder was the biggest for the week. Local creeks are being worked.

Capt Joe of the charter boat **Nite Owl** reports that Fred and Patty Anderson and group bagged a 250 lb. dusky plus a few other smaller sharks Saturday fishing SE of Jone's, 35 miles off the beach.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** reports good fluking this past week locally with incoming water best. Spearing and fish belly were the choice baits resulting in a 1 out of 6 keeper ratio for fluke. Fish this week ranged from 2½ to 3 lbs. in the keeper class. Saturday's pool was won by Charlie Mildenberger of Woodhaven. Hi hooks are averaging in the upper teens to mid 20s which includes throwbacks. Capt Sy Karlin says he still has a few openings for his open shark trip. See ad for details.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports that all the association's charter boats were fluking. Atlantic had big fluke fishing Baldwin Harbor. Norsman, Corsair and Acme II fished both inside and off the beach and found more keepers now, close to a 50 percent ratio. The Barbara Ann on Friday was trolling in 70' of water and had 65 bluefish from 5 to 8 lbs. plus 2 weakfish. The boat did the same on Sunday but also had 2 green bonita. Hi hook was 9 yr. old Margaret Delzell with 19 blues.

The **Super Spray II** reports that the recent wreck trip for giant cod was even better than their first cod wreck trip earlier in the season. Over 4000 lbs. of cod were caught by customers with a 54¼ lb. lunker grabbing the pool. Lots of 40 and 50 pounders were caught with the balance being 20 to 30 pounders. Hi hook was 21 cod and runner up was 17 cod, all on clam. The boat is beginning in addition to the daily fluke fishing, bluefishing every night at 7 p.m. starting June 26th.

Capt Walt Scott's **Freeport Charter Service Acme II** reports a good fluke day for Roy Arenellas group of Ogden Foods. Reynold's showed improvement in the numbers of keepers. The trip for Pace Press and guests had the best fluke trip that the boat had for the season off Pt. Lookout in Reynold's Channel. About ⅓ of the fish were keepers, from 3 to 5 lbs.

Charter boat **Nan-Sea** reports Saturday's charter for Lynbrook Deli fished 120' of water, 150 degrees out of Jone's taking a solid catch of bluefish along with 1 dusky shark. Sunday's trip for Nunzio's Corner Deli of Inwood scored with 105 bluefish trolling in 70' of water, 180

degrees out of Jone's. They fished both wire and also light tackle on top with Greg Nesito of Shakespeare furnishing the light tackle.

Capt. Pat Facazio called to tell us that his brand new large capacity charter boat **Lady J III** has just been brought to it's slip at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association's** dock and he is booking 81 trips now. He was out Saturday for a day of fluking which was fair with keepers in Reynold's Channel.

BALDWIN

Mike at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of fluke up to 2 lbs. brought in by his customers that fished Reynold's and Sea Dog this past week, best on incoming and on sand eels and killies. Blues being trolled in 60' of water on umbrellas off the Pink Hotel, fish to 8 lbs. Blue claw crabs starting to make an appearance in Middle Bay and Boces.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports very good fluking in Reynold's with a lot more keepers now on killies, sand eels and spearing. Rudy Tretter and wife Ann bagged a 6½ lb. fluke on killies. Flounders remain nice sized in Swift Creek, at the Meadowbrook and at the Coast Guard Station on worms. Blackfishing still good at the Twreck and also picking up again at the big M.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** informs us that the boat No Problem on Sunday took a 185 lb. mako at the HA. Fluke are averaging 12 to 15 keepers a private boat or rental skiff in Reynold's and in Jone's Inlet on squid/sand eel combos. Several 3 and 4 pounders have been brought in during the week, fish averaging 2 to 2¼ lbs., incoming tide best. Flounders still being caught in Swift Creek in good numbers if you work for them. One regular customer continues to get 50 to 70 flounders up to 2¼ lbs. on worm and clam in that creek.

Capt Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** reports Friday night's trip for Gary Braun of Flushing and group, fished Cholera with butters and chum and enjoyed a bluefish slaughter of 15 to 20 big choppers a man, fish running 10 to 15 lbs. This was the first trip for 12 yr. old Glen Braun and Glen had 14 big blues himself. Saturday's trip for Bernadette Kline and group fished buoy 12 to the Golf Course in Reynold's Channel on flooding tide and had a 20 percent keeper ratio on sand eels, spearing and squid. Hi hook and pool winner was Bill Riehz with 33 total fish and the 3 lb. pool fish. Sunday was the boat's open shark trip which fished 4 to 5 miles east SE of the HA in 140' of water. They had a few bluefish, a 100 lb. class mako, a 30 lb. brown which was tagged and released. An estimated 300 lb. mako came into the slick but wouldn't take a bait.

ISLAND PARK

Capt Morty Michaels called to say that a 208 lb. mako was taken aboard Capt Hal Schecter's Bell Esprit. Dr. Tesch was on the rod. This was SW of the HA in 220' of water. They had 2 other hookups and tagged a brown and a dusky.

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook reports the fluking is continuing strong with a higher keeper ratio now in Reynold's Channel and the Inlet area along with the back bays. Blue claw crabs are starting to be taken in quantity as are loads of 3 to 4 lb. bluefish in the Island Park Creek where Lilco pumps out hot water.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports the fluking is tremendous with a 60 percent keeper ratio now. The larger fish seem to want killies and the best action has been buoys 3 and 9 in Reynold's. Dr. Rizziutti and son had 20 keepers up to 2½ lbs. fishing at buoy 3. Jerry Resnick and sons Dave and Lee along with Jason Kaplan had 24 fluke on killies fishing buoy 3. Paul Jeffers had a 45 lb. mako and Ken Krat an 85 lb. blue shark, both in the HA vicinity.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** tells us that the bluefishing is still excellent, fish running 2 to 10 lbs. With them are 10 to 12 lb. weakfish. 99 percent of the fish are taken on umbrellas with red being favored at Ambrose and Sandy Hook Channels and Swash Channel. There is good mako fishing in the HA area offshore. There have been a few bass catches on live bait in the channels (herring) and also on bucktails, with stripers averaging 15 to 20 lbs.

Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** tells us that aboard the Phyllis P, Joe Tropp, Ed Shamanskin, Jesse York, Jay York, Bob Cronin and Dave Brodie fishing 20 miles east of the HA in 160' of water hooked and landed a 227 lb. mako. Dave Brodie was the angler. Mucho fluke between the bridge and the Coast Guard Station with a lot more keepers now with killies working best followed by sand eels, squid and spearing. There are still blackfish at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on fiddlers, clam or worm. Flounders are being taken around the Atlantic Beach Bridge, Duck Point and the Cedarhurst Yacht Club in the 1 to 2 lb. variety.

EAST ROCKAWAY

Skippy's Bait & Tackle also had lots of mako reports. Fluking very much improved as to size with the Inlet best. Jay Martin and Bill Woolsey of East Rockaway had 35 keeper fluke at Deb's Saturday on the flood on killies and squid. Some big blues underneath bunker at the Magnolia Pier at

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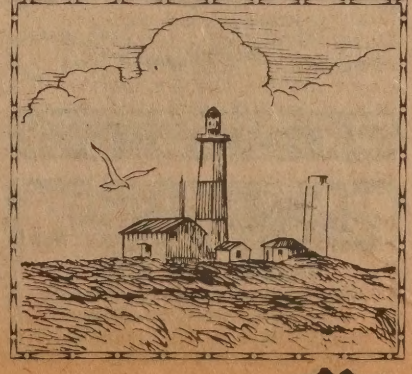

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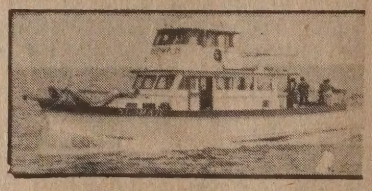

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JAMAICA BAY

J-Bay Boat Rental reports that Gerald Scavatti and party on Thursday drifted up 24 keeper fluke working Silver Hole with spearing, sand eels and squid and on bucktail also. All the boats this week had atleast some keeper fluke along with a lot of midgets on all moving water.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt Tom on the **Elsie K III** tells of good fluking all week off the Jersey shore with lots of shorts and also lots of keepers. Catches averaged 20 keepers a man with an equal number of throwbacks. Sand eels were the bait and catches were consistent every day. Pool fish were 4 pounders each day with 2 pound fish being the average size.

Pilot II reports continued decent blackfishing on fiddlers, fish going from 2 to 6 lbs. More porgies being seen every day from 1 to 1½ lbs. on clam. Sea bass on squid and clam baits. The catch is evenly divided to a large extent between blacks and sea bass, with fishing being done off the Jersey coast.

The **Dorothy B** reports that on Tuesday's trip for Joe, a regular an 8½ lb. fluke was caught while fishing off Long Branch NJ.

Joe at **Stella Maris Bait & Tackle** reports blackfish still around the wrecks, the Tin Can Grounds and at the Marine Parkway Bridge. Fluking is very good off Korvette's, Reis Park and at Norton's Point and also off NJ for boat fishermen with more keepers now. There has been good diamond jigging for blues and boats are also baiting and chumming them, with fish from 3 to 5 lbs. in the NY Bight. On Thursday Joe weighed in a 295 lb. mako, angler unknown.

Capt Jack Michaels of the **America** tells of a very good weekend on fluke fishing the "Outer Reef" between NJ and LI. Lots of shorts but a good number of keepers also. On Sunday, George, a regular on the boat, scored with an 8 lb. 3 oz. fluke. Fluke are hitting sand eels, squid and fish belly.

Flamingo III reports fair to good bluefishing with a few excellent days. Weaks are starting to show and increasing in numbers daily. Thursday saw a 10 lb. striper taken Friday, with diamond jig and tube tied in 2' above as terminal tackle, a striped bass double header was hauled in, one of the most unusual reports to come in in awhile. Sunday's action included a 28 lb. striper on a diamond jig. This is all jig fishing, no bait. The first bonita of the season was taken Friday. Catches are increasing on a daily basis and the boat is fishing

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North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

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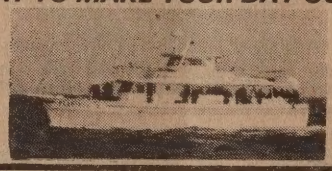

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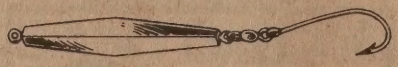

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blackfish up to 8 lbs. working the Smithtown area. Bob Cocks and Frank Hudock of the town of N. Hempstead were a big help in bringing the boat in to the N. Hempstead town dock. This report was called in by Capt. Zac of Montauk's Mako Express.

John at **John's Bait & Tackle** trolled 20 bass one night last week; he was accompanied by Robert Aurisy. Fish ranged between 3 and 25 pounds. They were caught on sandworms, and all but 4 were released. John also tells us that blues are being trolled from Mamaroneck to Captain's Island on umbrellas. Diamond jigs don't seem too effective yet; fish are anywhere from 6 to 13 lbs.

CITY ISLAND

Greg at **City Island Bait & Tackle** mentioned a 22 pound bass, trolled last week with worms, and said that there were also a lot of schoolies around. The first large blue of the season was taken across from the City Island Bridge, a 12 pounder. Sand porgies seem to be in good supply.

Capt Dom on the **Apache** says that the porgies are anywhere from Northport and Smithtown back to Oyster Bay. This is nice fishing for fish in the ½ to ¾ lb. class, but big blackfish and big flounder are the typical pool winners. Small boats, clustered on the weekends make it hard to find room for blackfish action. Flounder can be fished with clam, provided patient anglers pick through the borgaills.

GLEN COVE

John at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** tells us that there are still a few blackfish and flounder around, and that lots of worms and crabs are still passing across the counter. Best bet are the sand porgies, however. Weakfish hot spots vary from day to day, and blues are now being trolled in the Matinnicock area, with sizes in the 8-10 lb. range. A 46½ lb. bas and a 10 lb. 14 oz. blue were the largest fish weighed in this week. Dick Clark took the latter.

Capt Joe Fink of the **Lady Lil II** had very good porgy fishing through most of the week around Center Island and Lloyd's neck, but, when fishing dropped off on porgies Sunday, the boat had a super 45 minutes pick of flounder from ½ lb. all the way up to 2 lbs. One drop this week produced 20 blowfish. Blackfish generally take the pools. Chris Mailman of Glen Cove wound up with 70 scup in the bag on Friday.

HUNTINGTON

From **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** we found out that Bill Olsen and John DiCambria picked up four big weakfish and a 26½ lb. bass while drifting worms on the bottom. Weakfish action may be picking up now after a slow week...probably due to spawning activity.

Ronnie's says that the hot action is on bass from boats with worms and Rebels. Large fish are straightening a lot of hooks, even when fished on 8 lb. tackle!

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's** says that activities of trawlers along the beaches has cut into the action on game fish; still, Scott Baird managed to troll up a 37½ lb. bass on a black surge tube. Best bass action last week seemed to be in the early morning between 6 and 7 a.m., with quite a few 20s and 30s bitting bunker, tubes, and plugs from Lloyd's Neck all the way to Huntington Harbor. Bluefishing action has slackened, but there are still 3-5 lb. fish close to the beaches from the Coast Guard Station to the Power Plant. Rebels, redfins, and Atoms produce. Three miles off the beach, trolling umbrellas on wire is the ticket, with weaks to 10 lbs. below the blues. Sea porgies are in 50 feet of water off Makamha Beach, with sands off the docks and in the harbors.

KINGS PARK

Helen at **OK Bait & Tackle** said that "everybody's happy...there are so many different kinds of fish, it's amazing." Dave MacMullen weighed an 11 lb. weak, and lots of blacks to 8 lbs., and blues to 6 lbs. were also showing on the scales. Buckets of porgies are the norm, but no fluke have been spotted in the catches.

PORT JEFFERSON

John at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** says that the hot spot for trolled blues is off Crane Neck, with umbrellas on wire producing fish from 6 to 12 lbs. Weakfishing along White Beach has really slowed, but humpbacked porgies please those who put in the time off Mt. Misery, Oldfield, and Rocky Point. Fluke fishermen should bring their rulers because there are lots of shorts in the catch, but there are fish from 3-4 lbs. mixed in around White Beach, Buoy 9, and Miller Place.Outgoing water is best and sandeels plus squid is the best bait. Boats fishing at night with worms, Rebels, and white bucktails are taking lots of bass in the 20s and 30s, while the Narrows of Conscience Bay is yielding schoolies.

John Fisher of the **Aqua-Gem** has been hitting the Shoreham area and loading up on porgies. The norm is around 40 per man, but hi hooks may run 75. Fish are medium to jumbos. Though the blackfishing has slacked off pool winner each day is usually a tautog of 3½ to 4 lbs. Weakfishing has hit a lull.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Dick's Sporting Goods says that blues are east of Cedar Beach and can be trolled or plugged. The boats produce the larger fish, up to 8 lbs. Weakfish action is best now on Trifins 1 and 2 oz. Spoon Jigs. Porgy and blackfish action is very good, with the best action still on soft baits. William Moody weighed in a 3½ lb. scup during the week.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

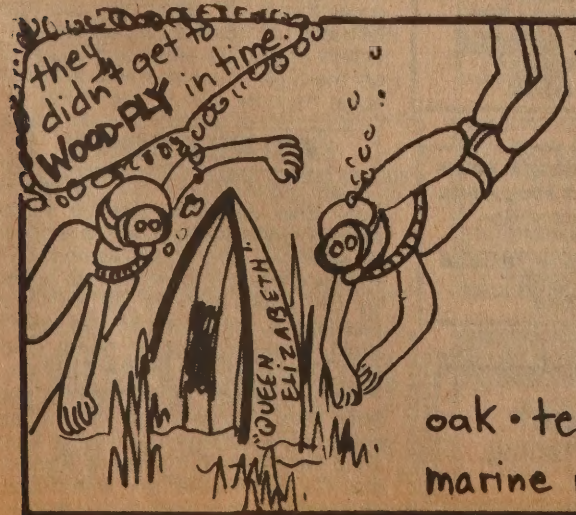
Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** said that the fluke off Mattituck Inlet were running about half keepers, half throwbacks. Weakfishing action was best at night on sinking Rebels. There are schoolies around, but the bigger bass are around but awfully picky, and just won't take.

MATTITUCK

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** reports very good porgy fising on mixed sizes, with a few blacks still around. The best fluke of the week went 5 lbs. and the biggest weak weighed in a 5¼ lbs. Sandeel/squid combo is best for the summer flounder.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria at **Capt Marty's** tells us of a catch of 30 weaks and 20 blues made last week by Joe D'Amino and Fred



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Herbie Pabon took the pool on the City Island open boat "Ebb Tide II," with this 6 lb. blackfish.

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Newt Robbins at **Capt Jim's** says that the blues are in the 2-2½ lb. class. There just doesn't seem to be the usual lull this season. Mixed sizes of porgies are also hanging on in the Rose's Grove area.

SOUTHOLD

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** says that there is "strong" weakfish action in the deep water off buoy 11 in Southold Bay on the top of the incoming for those who use diamond jigs with red and green tubes. Problem: the big blues above the tiderunners keep shearing off hunks of even the biggest weaks. Best weak of the week was just shy of 15 lbs. on the scales. Medium sized porgies are available between buoys 16-17 and also 17-18, but the largest of the scup can be found around Sag Harbor. They haven't gone around Cedar Beach into Gardiner's yet. Decent sized fluke are available occasionally off buoy 16, and East Marion has plenty of shorts. The Orient station is producing blackfish off the Lighthouse and Mulford, with some flounder still off the Point.

GREENPORT

Capt John Raines of the charter boat **Blue Albatross** started sailing open boat Wednesday on his program of weekday open boat sailings. On Friday's trip a 9 lb. fluke was boated by Bill Ezech fishing the Ruins off Gardiner's. John says he has several good weekend charter dates available. The fluke are mainly big fish.

Art White at the **AP White Bait Shop** tells us that Richie Jensen has been doing well on weaks and blues up in the Bay with the **Nancy Ann** and that the **Peconic Star** and **Brand X** are plying the porgy and flounder trade

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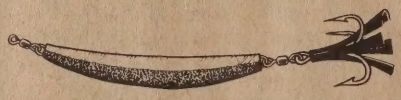

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east of Gardiner's. Horton's has been producing mixed catches of fluke, weaks and blues, but the action is very widespread. Fish move around a lot on the Sound now. Louie's Beach is a good spot to look for weakfish on flooding water with squid.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SHINNECOCK

Capt Clark II reports good porgy action throughout the week in Peconic Bay. Fish running from ¾ to 2 lbs. on sand worms and clam working best. Some kingfish showing up in good numbers. Boats are averaging 20 to 25 kings a day. On Tuesday's trip Matty Wilson of Jamaica scored with 43 porgies and 5 kings. Matty also won the pool with a 7 lb. weak. As soon as sea bass start showing on the ocean wrecks, the boat will start making ocean trips. Watch ad for details.

Bill Velys fishing aboard his 20' Shamrock cutty Tiderunner II, had 2 mako shark estimated at 200 and 300 lbs. prior to weighing on Thursday fishing due south of Shinnecock Inlet in 160' of water.

PECONICS

Speck's Bait & Tackle reports that Shinnecock has 1 lb. average flounders in the basket area, also around the Coast Guard area at the bridge. This is on worms. Fluke in West and East Channels on squid, sand eels and spearing with the numbers of keepers increasing. Bluefish schools have been ranging around Shinnecock Inlet in the 2 to 3 lb. class. In Peconic, South Race, Jessups and Middle Grounds has been having moving schools of 2 to 7 lb. blues with big weakfish mixed in. Porgies continue steady at buoys 15 to 18 at Sag Harbor with blues and weaks mixed in on the west side of the ferry slip, being either jigged, trolled or baited. The porgies of course want worm and clam.

NOYAC

Barbara of **Noyac Marina** tells us that blues and weaks are being trolled in the ferry slip area, fish from 2 to 5 lbs. on umbrellas and single tubes. Some weakfish off the Monastery and bluefish off the channel. Watch for the birds.

SAG HARBOR

The **Wilhelric II** tells of Wednesday's first fluke trip of the season. Bernie Hahn of Riverhead caught a 4 lb. 8 oz. fluke and followed it with an 8

lb. 3 oz. fluke. Think he took the pool? NO way. Bob Pflung of West Islip beat him out shortly thereafter with a 13 lb. 15 oz. dormat fluke. This was at Gardiner's Island on sand eels and squid. Looks like the fluke are in, fellows. Porgies remain excellent in ¾ to 1 lb. range at Cedar Point with pool fish touching the 3 lb. mark. Gardiner's was also very good on the weekend. The porgies are here and the action at Gardiner's is excellent. This is on clam and worms. Saturday's catches and Sunday's also ran from 30 to 40 porgies a man.

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** reports 2 to 3 lb. blues are being caught at Mashamok Point along with an occasional weakfish on umbrellas and also on drifted cut bait. Diamond jigs are working best, however. A few accidental fluke are also being hung. Porgy action has been pretty hot at buoy 11, Cedar Point, fish from ½ to 1 lb. Some bluefish in Noyac Bay and off Long Beach working the surface. Watch for the birds.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Surf reports this past week were hard to come by with most of the action in recent days limited to a one or two day flurry. Cedar Beach apparently enjoyed some lively fishing for weaks and blues on Sunday while sections of the North Shore showed new life on Thursday and Friday of last week. Montauk casters got in a good inning with bass fromk Thursday night to Saturday morning but all of the activity was limited to the Ditch Plains area. Here is what I was able to drum up through Monday's phone calls.

One of the column's more reliable sources reported a pick of some weaks and a few bass at the tip of the Breezy Point jetty last week. Other spots in the area have reportedly died in recent days. Most of the reports along the south shore revolved around an apparent blitz of weaks and blues at Cedar Beach, inside of Fire Island Inlet.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore was among those to relay word of good surf action at Cedar. He was told by casters that tins accounted for large number of weaks from 5-8 lbs. as well as bluefish.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** in Seaford also heard rumblings of the Cedar beach action. In addition, he knew that casters have been picking away at blues ranging anywhere from 1-8 lbs. at West End Jones Beach. A few bass also being taken from the area. "Red Beard" a regular customer of Lon's who puts most of his time in at Democrat Point checked in a pair of school bass along

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(ONLY) until August 1, 1981.

4. The check point at the turnaround at Robert Moses (near the west end of field 2) will be manned between the hours of 8PM and 6AM.

5. There will be NO reissue of permits under any circumstances in September. Thus, a current permit holder must decide now whether fishing access under the revised regulations is important enough to warrant NOT applying for a refund.

Without a doubt these restrictions will be viewed negatively by some fishermen who have, for the last 13 years, been using Democrat as a family weekend camping and fishing area. Unfortunately, the primary purpose of access to Democrat must be maintained. That primary purpose is fishing. The times demand that we take actions against the irresponsible behavior of some people in order to protect the long range access to Democrat Point for fishermen. This plan that goes into effect on June 22, 1981 will be re-examined at our next meeting on July 20, 1981.

The joint council asks that you do everything you can to make this new plan work. Follow the regulations carefully and report violations promptly. If this plan fails, the next step will be a total closure of Democrat Point. Therefore, your intense cooperation is needed NOW. Democrat Point is a valuble surf fishing territory and one that we don't want to lose. The Park Commission has a responsibility to do everything it can to patrol the area, enforce regulations, and thus help to make this plan work. However, we have our responsibilities too. We need to be supportive, helpful, and obey the regulations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this unfortunate and difficult situation.

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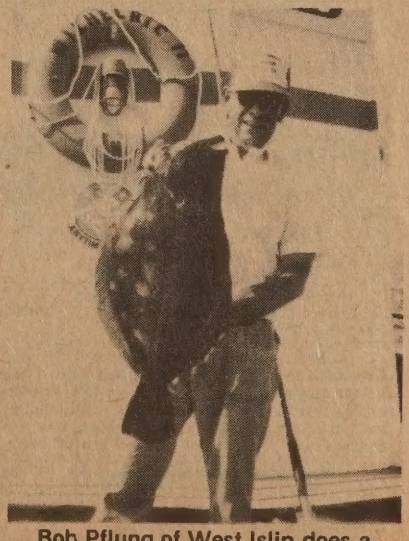

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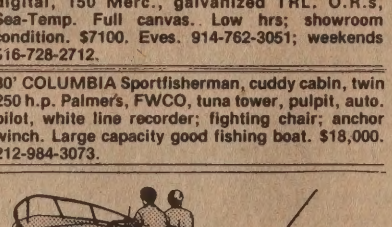

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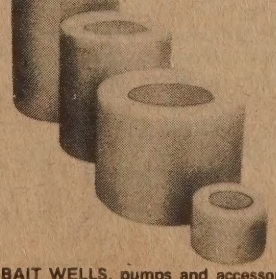

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SINKER BOUNCING:

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But this second fluke wasn't easy to come by. It took the better part of an hour to do it. In that time, Smitty had proven his expertise by taking three fluke, plus several throwbacks. But Johnny didn't mind. He was having the time of his life. Johnny's second fluke was a mate to his first.

It was then when the "lines up" signal was given. "I think I know where we're headed," Smitty said as he poured himself a cup of coffee. "Down the beach a little way there's a sunken barge. It's always good for one or two good-sized fish. We haven't seen a big fish today as yet, so any fluke that comes from that barge will probably win the pool."

A half-hour later, Johnny marveled at the accuracy of Smitty's prediction. The pool fish—a good five pounds—did indeed come from the barge, but neither he nor Smitty caught it. And also as Smitty had predicted, the tidal change, coupled with increasing winds, brought a much too fast drift for Johnny to continue fishing. All too soon the three-whistle "going home" signal sounded. But Johnny didn't mind that either. He'd caught three fluke, which, he admitted to himself, was better than he'd hoped for.

"You know, Smitty," Johnny said as they sat in the cabin drinking coffee, "If it wasn't for you, I don't think I would have caught those three fluke. Because of your kindness, and I'm thanking you right now, I'm no longer a pilgrim. I'll know what to do next time."

"Well, that's good, kid," Smitty said. "But I'll tell you something. For a beginner, fishing is never easy; and don't let anyone tell you different. But I do think the easiest way to learn the ropes is to go party boat fishing."

"Could be as you say," Johnny agreed. "I think, though, it isn't so much being easy and all that—you can bet it wasn't easy for me to catch those three fluke. But for my money, when it comes to learning how, party boat fishing is the only way."

Smitty nodded his head. "You know, Johnny, I think maybe you're right. Yes, maybe you are at that. Anyway, let's have some coffee."

with a few blues from 6-8 lbs. over the weekend.

Ralph at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon passed along the best evidence of the Cedar Beach fishing. He looked over a catch of 10 weaks to 9 lbs. and 8 bluefish for Tom Hauser taken Sunday morning. Another caster who got in on the mini-blitz was Ray Kirschinhiter who stopped by with 7 weaks and four blues. tins, plus plugs and sand worms all played a part in the action.

Over at Captree Bait Station Bob reached back to Thursday to report a 29½ lb. striper for Dennis Ravache of Lindenhurst. Dennis took his cow in the Robt. Moses surf.

Moving all the way out to Long Island's eastern tip before finding any reportable surf news, Johnny Kronuch speaking from his Johnny's Tackle Shop told of a good showing of bass at Ditch Plains which began on Thursday evening and continued through until Saturday morning. Among some of the fish taken were a 31 lber. by Bob Michelson, a 15 lber. by Ted Shane and fish of 26 and 30 lbs. taken by casters who preferred anonymity. A hint of this south side action might have come on Wednesday when Harry Hoffman fishing squid on the bottom at Hither Hills put away a 37 lb. striper. Despite an abundance of bait, the area upfront remained quiet and the only news on the north side was of a couple of weaks taken on worms near Split Rock Friday night. Some casters tried Shagwong over the weekend for the weaks but did nothing.

Up on the north shore Ronnie Ferraro of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle spoke of a catch of 3 school bass taken at Makamah on Rebels by Charlie Messina one evening last week. Ronnie knew that other casters also scored along this stretch of beach but had no word on any weakfish or bluefish action from local beaches.

To the east the mouth of the Nissequogue River played host to Paul Hall's first striper ever. Working a Tri-Fin eel worm the Smithtown angler landed a schoolie of 4 lbs. Friday evening.

Stan at Rocky Point Fishing Stop, who keeps pretty close tabs on the local surf scene, said that the surf had been quiet for about a week until Thursday and Friday of last week when small weaks, blues and a few bass again showed up along local beaches. Tri-Fin Spoon jigs, eel worms and Rebel plugs all produced fish. Come Saturday, however, all was again quiet and continued as such right up until I spoke to him Monday morning.

To set the record straight that 37½ lb. striper taken from the Rocky Pt. area last week was reportedly caught by Steve Bunai. My apologies to his younger brother Dave, who in fact was the angler who took the fish.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	2:05	2:45	2:50	3:35	2:30	3:20	3:50	4:30	5:20	5:55	5:35	6:05	2:15	2:55	6/25
FRI.	3:05	3:50	3:50	4:35	3:35	4:20	4:50	5:30	6:20	6:55	6:35	7:05	3:15	3:50	6/26
SAT.	4:15	4:50	4:55	5:35	4:40	5:25	5:55	6:25	7:30	8:00	7:35	8:05	4:15	4:50	6/27
SUN.	5:20	5:50	5:55	6:35	5:50	6:25	6:55	7:15	8:40	9:05	8:40	9:05	5:15	5:45	6/28
MON.	6:20	6:45	6:55	7:30	6:55	7:20	7:50	8:10	9:55	10:10	9:40	10:00	6:10	6:35	6/29
TUE.	7:15	7:40	7:50	8:20	7:50	8:15	8:45	9:00	11:00	11:10	10:35	10:55	7:05	7:30	6/30
WED.	8:10	8:25	8:50	9:15	8:45	9:05	9:40	9:55	11:55	–	11:30	11:50	7:55	8:20	7/1
THUR.	9:00	9:15	9:45	10:05	9:40	9:55	10:30	10:45	12:05	12:50	–	12:25	8:50	9:10	7/2

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

6/26	5:25	8:40
6/27	5:25	8:40
6/28	5:26	8:40
6/29	5:26	8:40
6/30	5:27	8:40
7/1	5:27	8:40
7/2	5:28	8:40

Moonrise/Moonset

6/26	1:46AM	2:37PM
6/27	2:20AM	3:49PM
6/28	2:56AM	5:02PM
6/29	3:37AM	6:15PM
6/30	4:24AM	7:24PM
7/1	5:19AM	8:28PM
7/2	6:20AM	9:24PM

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7/1	7/9	7/17	7/24

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	—	6:10	12:20	6:35
Fri.	12:50	6:55	1:05	7:20
Sat.	1:35	7:40	1:50	8:10
Sun.	2:25	8:30	2:40	9:00
Mon.	3:15	9:25	3:35	9:55
Tues.	4:10	10:20	4:30	10:50
Wed.	5:00	11:15	5:25	11:45
Thurs.	6:00	—	6:25	12:15

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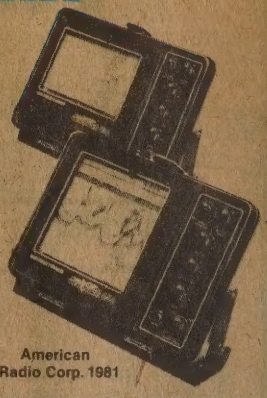

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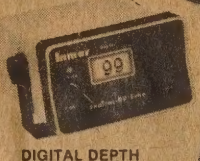

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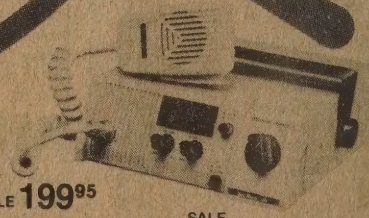

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